



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The citizens of Minnesota stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS: NEA's 'Read Across America,' a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 107<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 2, 2011, and the acknowledgment of the month of March as 'National Reading Month', promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

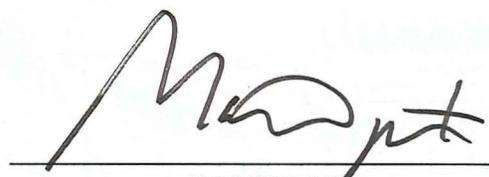
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2011 as:

## READING MONTH

along with March 2, 2011 as Read Across America Day in the state of Minnesota, and commit our communities to engage in programs and activities to make Minnesota's children the best readers in the country and world; and call on citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE