



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Native wildlife populations are an integral part of Minnesota's natural environment and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Minnesota's statewide ecosystems; and

WHEREAS: Each year in the United States, more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured, and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and

WHEREAS: The average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and

WHEREAS: The success of wildlife movement and survival in Minnesota remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS: Wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011 as:

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



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 12th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE