



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: A child's birthday is a special day in his or her life; and
- WHEREAS: Recognition of a child's birthday is critical to the development of self-esteem; and
- WHEREAS: Many less fortunate children do not believe they have birthdays because they have never been celebrated; and
- WHEREAS: Cheerful Givers, with the help of many volunteers, has assembled and distributed more than 470,000 birthday gift bags to shelters and food shelves for parents to give their children on their birthday; and
- WHEREAS: On Saturday, March 31, 2012, many Minnesotans are gathering for the Cheerful Givers Great Minnesota Birthday Party at the Mall of America to sing "Happy Birthday" to children who have never celebrated their birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2012 to be:

CHEERFUL GIVERS DAY

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 20th day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Schultz", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE