



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of Minnesota residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: Fire is a serious public safety concern with homes being where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota fire departments last year responded to 260,670 calls for service, including 12,706 fires and 162,059 emergency medical calls; and
- WHEREAS: In 2014, 44 people died in fires in Minnesota, hundreds more were injured and more than \$225 million in property was destroyed; and
- WHEREAS: Almost three-quarters of Americans have a fire escape plan, yet fewer than half have practiced it; and
- WHEREAS: Residents who plan and practice a home fire escape strategy are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS: Fire service personnel across Minnesota are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota residents are responsive to public education and should take steps to increase safety from fire, especially in homes; and
- WHEREAS: Firefighters, first responders, and fire prevention specialists are responsible for fire prevention and fire safety education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 28, 2015, as:

FIRE PREVENTION 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 25th day of August.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE