



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and
- WHEREAS: Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology such as the Internet and cell phones; and
- WHEREAS: Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents and thousands of Minnesota children and adolescents annually; and
- WHEREAS: Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems than those who are not bullied, and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and
- WHEREAS: Children who bully are at a greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and
- WHEREAS: Children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October, 2011 as:

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

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 29th day of September.

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

GOVERNOR

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

SECRETARY OF STATE