



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: There is increasing use of medicines to provide health-giving and life-sustaining benefits, and household and industrial chemicals to perform labor and time-saving tasks in the home; and

WHEREAS: These products, when not used as directed or intended, may be hazardous to adults and especially children, who, from infancy to five years of age, are the most frequent victims of poisoning; and

WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by accidental exposure to poisonous substances; and

WHEREAS: State government agencies have been working for many years with their local and federal counterparts to inform citizens about the potential hazards of these substances; and

WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, and the public need access to resources in order to learn of and teach others about the dangers of poisonous substances and how to prevent poisonings from occurring; and

WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help avoid unnecessary health care costs for residents and healthcare systems statewide; and

WHEREAS: Poison Prevention Week is endorsed by the Minnesota Poison Control System, consisting of the Hennepin Regional Poison Center and the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 17 – 23, 2013 as:

POISON PREVENTION 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 27th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE