



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Violence affects families in every walk of life, and threatens the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors, and families; and

WHEREAS: It is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training regarding conflict resolution, mental health, parenting skills, and non-violence, and to make resources available to contribute to "Changing the Culture of Violence in America"; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Ghandi, and President Nelson Mandela demonstrated leadership in non-violence, and called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create more fair and just societies; and

WHEREAS: Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC), a national, civic, volunteer organization is calling for a National Week of Non-Violence, August 16-23, 2014; and

WHEREAS: Leaders are encouraged to organize workshops on non-violence in collaboration with elected officials, faith-based leaders, business leaders, national organizations, educators, musicians, rappers, athletes, and community leaders throughout the week; and

WHEREAS: Citizens are encouraged to organize community-based events that teach non-violence, conflict resolution, and related skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 16-23, 2014, as:

## WEEK OF NON-VIOLENCE

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE