



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Medicines improve quality of life and provide life-sustaining benefits, and household and industrial chemicals help perform difficult tasks quickly and efficiently; and
- WHEREAS: These beneficial products and substances, 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, along with local and federal counterparts, work to inform our communities about the potential hazards of these substances; and
- WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, and the public need access to resources in order to learn and teach others about the dangers of poisonous substances and to prevent such poisonings from occurring; and
- WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help avoid unnecessary health care costs for residents and healthcare systems throughout Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: National Poison Prevention Week is endorsed by the Minnesota Poison Control System and the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 19-25, 2017, as:

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 17th day of March.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR