



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Brain research confirms that the first years of life comprise a critical period in a child's development; and
- WHEREAS: Early programs help young children to reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS: Children whose parents are involved in their children's education and learning are more successful in school; and
- WHEREAS: Expanding access to early education is proven strategy for closing the widening opportunities gap among our children; and
- WHEREAS: We need to provide all Minnesotans access to high quality programs at the earliest age in creating the world's best work force; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has invested \$262 million to expand early childhood learning opportunities for all children regardless of family income since 2011; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota leads the nation in providing high-quality early childhood and family education programs available to all families through the public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 22, 2018, as:

CELEBRATE MINNESOTA EARLY LEARNING 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 18th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE