



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association is a national trade organization representing 95 percent of the prenatal to preschool industry, and represents companies in the United States, Canada, and Mexico who manufacture, import and/or distribute infant products such as cribs, car seats, strollers, bedding, and a wide range of accessories and decorative items; and

WHEREAS: The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association has been recognized as an organization dedicated to enhancing children's product safety whose extensive history of leadership in juvenile product safety includes the development of a comprehensive Certification Program to help guide parents and caregivers toward purchasing juvenile products that are built with safety in mind; and

WHEREAS: Independent standards organizations and safety standards developed in cooperation with industry experts, consumer advocates and government agencies result in some of the best hazard-based standards that ensure today's parents may be comfortably secure in the safe use and selection of their juvenile products; and

WHEREAS: The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association initiated Baby Safety Month in 1983 with "Expectant Mother's Day." In 1986, it was extended to a week-long celebration, until 1991, when the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association sponsored the first "Baby Safety Awareness Month." Since then, every September has been designated as "Baby Safety Month"; and

WHEREAS: The Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, its members and with lawmakers share a commitment to working together to ensure the safety of the infants and children whose caregivers have entrusted us with the creation of safe and secure products. We stand together firmly devoted to supporting the safety and well-being of our nation's children today, tomorrow, and always; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota joins this initiative to raise awareness of the safe selection and use of all juvenile products, not just through September, but all year long.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2018, as:

## BABY SAFETY 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE