



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: An estimated 100,000 Minnesotans, more than 2 percent of the state population, currently live with a disability due to brain injury; and
- WHEREAS: Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability for children and young adults; and
- WHEREAS: Because of a lack of awareness about brain injury and the difficulty of diagnosing it, many persons with brain injury live for years without recognizing and dealing with their injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Even mild, traumatic brain injury can require extensive rehabilitation and loss of prior abilities, skills, and lifestyle; and
- WHEREAS: A high percentage of persons with brain injury who return to work and school have no noticeable physical injuries and are, therefore, given less recognition and accommodation than persons living with other, more noticeable disabilities, thus hindering their maximum performance; and
- WHEREAS: Brain injury touches individuals in every community in Minnesota, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, religion, age, and ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March, 2012 as:

## BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE