



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW) in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota was established in 1992 to bring together the University of Minnesota and county, tribal, state, and community services in a partnership dedicated to improving the lives of children and families involved with public child welfare; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, CASCW is celebrating 20 years of working toward its mission to improve the well-being of children and families in Minnesota who are involved in the child welfare system by educating human service professionals, fostering collaboration across systems and disciplines, informing policy makers and the public, and expanding the child welfare knowledge base; and

WHEREAS: CASCW has enhanced the education level and diversity of Minnesota's child welfare workforce by providing financial support, through the distribution of Title IVE federal training funds, to over 350 graduate students, 50% of whom come from minority populations, to obtain their Masters in Social Work degree and seek employment in public and tribal child welfare agencies in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: During its 20 years of service, CASCW has provided training and practice resources to over 20,000 people working in, with, and for public and tribal child welfare agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2012 as:

## CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN CHILD WELFARE 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE