



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Throughout the history of the American West and Minnesota, cowboy and pioneer poets have played a large part in preserving western heritage and the ranching culture of Minnesota through oral and written poetry; and
- WHEREAS: The long tradition and endearing qualities of these stories and poems demonstrate that cowboy poetry is a cherished Minnesota tradition; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has produced numerous, well-respected cowboy poets; and
- WHEREAS: Recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as the cowboys themselves; and
- WHEREAS: This celebration emphasizes the significance of rural libraries through the outreach Rural Library Project and is held each year during National Poetry Month; and
- WHEREAS: The celebrations of a state should reflect the traditions and values of its people, and it is fitting to recognize the contributions of cowboy poetry in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 – 27, 2013 as:

COWBOY POETRY WEEK

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 5th day of April.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE