



## 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 cowboys themselves; 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 15-21, 2012 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE