

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Drug Courts are the most effective tool for reducing substance abuse and crime in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS: Drug Courts are an essential component of our justice system. They save vast criminal justice resources and return individuals to their communities as productive, tax-paying citizens; and

WHEREAS: Results of more than 100 program evaluations and at least four meta-analytic studies have yielded definitive evidence that Drug Courts are demonstratively effective and significantly improve substance-abuse treatment outcomes, substantially reduce drug abuse and crime, and do so at less expense than any other justice strategy; and

WHEREAS: The Drug Court movement has grown from the two original Drug Courts in 2001 to over thirty-eight operational Drug Courts in Minnesota; and

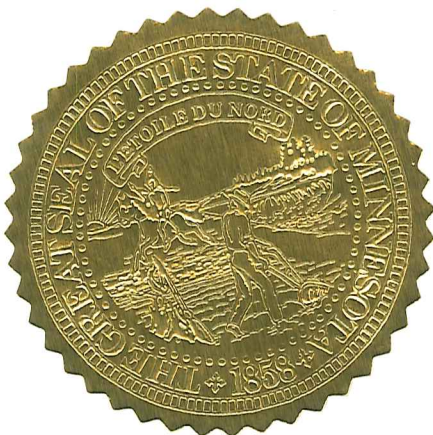
WHEREAS: The time has come to put a Drug Court within reach of every person in need; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Drug Courts celebrate the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2012 as:

## DRUG COURT 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE