



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Established in 1937, the mission of Ducks Unlimited is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has many shallow lakes and wetlands which provide an important migration habitat for thousands of waterfowl that depend on these habitats to ensure they arrive on breeding grounds in good health and prepared to nest; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's shallow lakes, such as Heron, Christina, Swan, and Pelican, and countless other wetlands, are important for their role in preserving the outdoor heritage of the state by providing traditional waterfowl hunting areas; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's wetlands are valued for their role in water quality protection, flood control, survival of wetland-dependent wildlife, and the state's overall environmental health; and
- WHEREAS: Ducks Unlimited has forged solid partnerships with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, federal and county agencies, corporate partners, and private landowners to foster collaborative and efficient conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS: 1.6 million Minnesota voters overwhelmingly approved the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment in 2008, thereby putting wetland conservation in the Minnesota Constitution and providing critical funding for twenty-five years; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's more than 38,800 passionate Ducks Unlimited members and volunteers are determined to continue this great work well into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2012 to be:

DUCKS UNLIMITED DAY

in the State of Minnesota, on occasion of the organization's 75th Anniversary.



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 6th day of January


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE