



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Founded in Minnesota in 1966, Best Buy Co., Inc. is recognized as North America's number one retailer of consumer electronics; and
- WHEREAS:** Electronic waste (e-waste), which includes large appliances, is one of the Nation's fastest growing waste streams. The proper handling and disposal of these products can positively impact the environment and the communities we live in, while minimizing the depletion of valuable natural resources; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Minnesota, local units of government, environmental organizations, and Best Buy worked to create a model e-waste recycling law, which allows Best Buy to operate the most comprehensive appliance and electronics recycling program in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Nationwide, Best Buy responsibly recycles 400 pounds of e-waste every minute its stores are open, regardless of where the electronics were purchased; their age; or their manufacturer; and
- WHEREAS:** Consumers recycle more electronics and appliances through Best Buy than any other retailer; and
- WHEREAS:** Best Buy Co., Inc. started its recycling program in 2009 with the goal of collecting one billion pounds of consumer electronic waste by the end of the calendar year 2014, and has successfully reached this milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 18, 2014, as:

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING RECOGNITION 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 8th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE