



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition inspires high school students to pursue careers in science and technology; and
- WHEREAS: During the past seven years, the Minnesota FIRST Robotics contingent has grown from 2 to 180 teams, the third largest state contingent in the nation, with teams from throughout the state representing the diverse backgrounds of Minnesota's high school students; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota FIRST Robotics contingent has more members than the contingent from Texas, a state with a population five times greater than the population of Minnesota; and there are now more Minnesota FIRST Robotics teams than there are boys' varsity hockey teams in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition is a Minnesota State High School League program, the first such STEM program and state-sanctioned program for high school robotics teams in the nation.; and
- WHEREAS: With all of the challenges we now face as a state and as a nation, science and technology education and the work of the FIRST Robotics program continue to be vital to our future well-being and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2013 as:

FIRST ROBOTICS 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 13th day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE