



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of Minnesota residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, with homes being the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire. In 2011, residential fires accounted for 77 percent of all structure fires and 98 percent of structure fire deaths in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Residents who plan and practice a home fire escape strategy are more prepared and, therefore, more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS: Almost three-quarters of Americans have a fire escape plan; however, less than half have practiced it; and
- WHEREAS: Fire service personnel across Minnesota are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota residents are responsive to public education and take steps to increase safety from fire, especially in homes; and
- WHEREAS: The 2012 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Have Two Ways Out!", effectively serves to remind Minnesotans to develop and practice a home fire-escape plan during Fire Prevention Month and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2012 as:

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage Minnesotans to practice their home fire escape plans, and support the related public safety activities and efforts of Minnesota's fire and emergency services.



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 1st day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE