



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Forensic science is a vital public service, which dramatically improves the investigation of criminal activity, leading to the exoneration of the innocent and the prosecution of the guilty; and

WHEREAS: Forensic science plays a critical role in public outreach and crime prevention, and is evolving in its role as an important part of the criminal justice community; and

WHEREAS: Crime scene investigators, forensic examiners, and forensic scientists provide unbiased, accurate, and reliable analyses of recovered evidence; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota scientists have advanced the quality of forensic science to the benefit of Minnesotans and the nation; and

WHEREAS: The hard working individuals who compose our forensic science organizations deserve recognition and appreciation for their commitment to scientific investigations in the cause of justice; and

WHEREAS: Professional organizations, including the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, and the National Association of Medical Examiners, have recognized August 11 – 17, 2013 as National Forensic Science Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 11 – 17, 2013, as:

FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK

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 1st day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE