



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: 2012 is an important milestone year for girls and women in sports. It marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congress' passage of the landmark Title IX legislation, which requires gender equity in athletic participation opportunities at all levels for girls and women; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans share a unique enthusiasm for sports, as they provide valuable opportunities for recreation, social development, physical fitness, and fun; and

WHEREAS: All women, men, girls, and boys should have opportunities to participate in sports to enhance their lives; and

WHEREAS: It has been recognized locally and nationally that there is a need to increase opportunities for girls and women in sports and to celebrate their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans have worked hard to remove the barriers facing girls and women who want to participate in sports and have made enormous strides to get more girls and women involved in sports; and

WHEREAS: The Women's Sports Foundation created National Girls and Women in Sports Day in 1987, to celebrate and commemorate the victories and growth of girls and women in sports; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in the development of opportunities for girls and women in sports and has much to celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2012 to be:

## GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



*Mark Ritchie*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January.

*Mark Dayton*

GOVERNOR