



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1936, the United States Congress designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS: The Gold Star symbolizes the loss of a loved one while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, whether in combat or other duty; and

WHEREAS: In bearing the loss of a loved one who has made the ultimate sacrifice, Gold Star Families truly understand freedom is not free, and the liberties we enjoy today come at a great cost; and

WHEREAS: Gold Star Families have given much to their communities through compassionate volunteer work; and

WHEREAS: The family members of our fallen heroes deserve the utmost respect and gratitude of our nation and the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: It is important for Minnesotans to remember and honor the tremendous sacrifices made by Gold Star Families in securing our freedom and liberty.

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

GOLD STAR FAMILIES 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 27th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE