



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota enjoys a rich diversity of races, cultures, beliefs, and ways of life; and
- WHEREAS: It is the public policy of the State to secure freedom from discrimination for all people, as discrimination threatens the rights and privileges of Minnesotans and endangers the institutions and foundations of democracy; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Human Rights strives to eliminate discrimination through education, conciliation, persuasion, and enforcement of the Minnesota Human Rights Act; and
- WHEREAS: A disproportionate number of unemployed Minnesotans are minorities, women, people with disabilities, and others who have historically been denied opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: Due to the changing demographics of Minnesota, it is more important than ever to increase education and employment opportunities, address disparities, and remove barriers of discrimination. Doing this will benefit all Minnesotans, and is essential to the state's economic vitality; and
- WHEREAS: State government plays a leading role in promoting human rights and respect, but cannot succeed without community-based partners; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Human Rights is sponsoring a Human Rights Symposium on Monday, December 3, 2012, at the University of Minnesota's Continuing Education and Conference Center in Saint Paul for attorneys, employers, educators, and others concerned with human rights and social justice, to learn the latest updates and trends on the issues shaping society today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 2-8, 2012 as:

HUMAN RIGHTS 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 21st day of November.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE