



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Bicycling for transportation and recreation is a great way for adults and children to be physically active, support a cleaner environment, and save money; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota continues to be recognized as one of the top bike friendly states in the nation by the League of American Bicyclists; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's beautiful trails are a significant tourist attraction, including the Mississippi River Trail, and bicycle tourism and bicycle-related businesses contribute positively to Minnesota's economy; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has one of the most extensive, paved bicycle trail systems in the nation and was named "Best Trails State" for all types of recreational trails by American Trails in 2010; and
- WHEREAS: Schools throughout Minnesota support Safe Routes to School encouraging more students to bike or walk to school, because physically active students also perform better academically; and
- WHEREAS: Continuing efforts are needed to improve bicycle safety in both rural and urban areas and promote public awareness about the "Share the Road" rules of the road.

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

MINNESOTA BIKE MONTH

along with May 9, 2012 as Minnesota Bike to School 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 26th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE