



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to over 600 museums, located in every county and region of the state, from art to aquaria, historical societies to science centers, zoos to botanical gardens, and children's museums to multi-disciplinary art centers; and

WHEREAS: The American Association of Museums will convene their 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Museum Expo in Minneapolis and St. Paul from April 29-May 2, 2012. The conference will bring over 5,000 museum professionals from over 3,000 museums worldwide to Minnesota, where they will have an opportunity to experience firsthand the rich collection of world-class museums that Minnesotans enjoy; and

WHEREAS: Museums are an important component of our state's educational system, helping school age children fulfill academic standards and serving the needs of lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS: A statewide partnership has been formed between Minnesota museums, tourist agencies, media partners, and other affiliated organizations to promote the month of May as "Minnesota Museums Month." This observation will broaden awareness of the incredible diversity of Minnesota museums, highlight the remarkable contributions museums make in educating the state's schoolchildren and in creating communities, and encourage citizens statewide to visit and learn from Minnesota's museums; and

WHEREAS: May will be a month-long celebration which will allow each Minnesota museum to highlight its worth within individual communities and across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 as:

## MINNESOTA MUSEUMS MONTH

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE