



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The safety and well being of children is of great importance to Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: More than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, an average of 1 playground-related emergency room visit every 2.5 minutes; and
- WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety was created to help inform the nation about playground injuries and possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and
- WHEREAS: The National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries: providing Supervision; Age appropriate equipment; materials to soften Falls; and Equipment maintenance, in an effort to keep our kids SAFE; and
- WHEREAS: Spring is often a time children head to the playground and a large percentage of playground injuries occur from April through June; and
- WHEREAS: Childcare centers, schools, parks, and other public facilities are preparing for the summer season and playground visitors; and
- WHEREAS: No Minnesota child should play on an unsafe playground.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-27, 2012, as:

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE