



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There is increasing use of both medicines to provide health-giving and life-sustaining benefits and household and industrial chemicals to perform labor- and time-saving tasks in the home; and
- WHEREAS: These products, when not used as directed or intended, may be hazardous to adults and especially children, who, from infancy to five years of age, are the most frequent victims of poisoning; and
- WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by accidental or intentional exposure to poisonous substances; and
- WHEREAS: State government agencies have been working for many years with their local and federal counterparts to inform citizens about the potential hazards of these substances; and
- WHEREAS: Health professionals, educators, and the public need access to resources in order to learn of and teach others about the dangers of poisonous substances and how to prevent such poisonings from occurring; and
- WHEREAS: Poison control and poison prevention services help avoid unnecessary health care costs for residents and healthcare systems statewide; and
- WHEREAS: National Poison Prevention Week is endorsed by the Minnesota Poison Control System, made up of the Hennepin Regional Poison Center and the Minnesota Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-24, 2012 as:

POISON PREVENTION 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 24th day of February.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE