



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol; and
- WHEREAS: High school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and
- WHEREAS: Teen alcohol use kills about 6,000 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined; and
- WHEREAS: Research reveals that most kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and
- WHEREAS: PowerTalk 21 Day, started by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2011, will be held on April 21, 2012 to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2012, as:

## POWERTALK 21 DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and urge citizens to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE