



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Native prairies are some of the most diverse plant and animal habitats in North America; and

WHEREAS: Less than two percent of Minnesota's former native prairie remains; and

WHEREAS: State, federal, and non-profit natural resource organizations, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, The Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, the Conservation Fund, Audubon Minnesota, Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited recently signed an innovative memorandum of understanding that will maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of prairie, grassland, and wetland conservation; and

WHEREAS: Such efforts will be planned and executed in ways that support both strong agricultural communities and healthy prairies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2012 as:

PRAIRIE PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND MANAGEMENT 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 11th day of October.

GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE