



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The mental health of a child is a major determinant of a healthy life, success in school, and a hopeful future; and
- WHEREAS: One in five Minnesota children experience mental health challenges, yet only twenty percent of children with these challenges receive the help they need; and
- WHEREAS: Children's mental health interventions can make a lasting improvement in the lives of every Minnesotan by improving educational outcomes, reducing juvenile crime, and creating healthier and safer communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Washburn Center for Children is a 130-year-old organization, which helps thousands of Minnesota children and their families receive critical resources each year; and
- WHEREAS: The Washburn Center for Children is an integral part of a caring community, of parents, teachers, and a wide range of community organizations seeking help in addressing children's mental health concerns; and
- WHEREAS: The Washburn Center for Children is the foremost children's mental health center in Minnesota, providing care for children and families, together with some of the leading clinicians in the state; and
- WHEREAS: May 9, 2013, is recognized as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 9, 2013, as:

WASHBURN CENTER FOR CHILDREN DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and invite citizens to observe this day in recognition of the Washburn Center for Children and its role in ensuring that Minnesota children continue to grow and thrive in a state where children's mental health is a priority.



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 3rd day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE