



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are approximately 908,000 children, birth to age 12, living in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 76 percent of our state's families use child care while they work; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota early care and education community, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 22-28, 2012; and
- WHEREAS: These organizations are working to ensure healthy development for Minnesota's children by improving the quality of learning opportunities which provide a foundation of learning; and
- WHEREAS: Teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Minnesota deserve thanks and recognition; and
- WHEREAS: Public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to their futures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2012 as:

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage citizens to work to make early care and education a priority in our state.



Mark Kitchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 16th day of April.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR