



## STATE of MINNESOTA

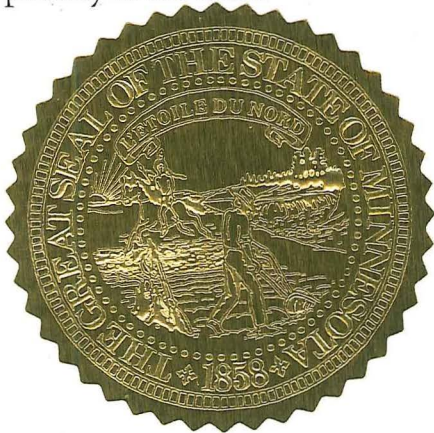
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are approximately 900,000 children, birth to age 12, living in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 72 percent of families in Minnesota have both parents in the workforce; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota early care and education community, in conjunction with the National Association of the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 14 – 20, 2013; and
- WHEREAS: These organizations are working to ensure healthy development for Minnesota's children by improving the quality of learning opportunities that 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 14 – 20, 2013 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.



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

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE