



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The state of Minnesota recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and adopting conscientious habits, which will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable environment; and
- WHEREAS:** Recycling has increased significantly in Minnesota in recent years; and
- WHEREAS:** We can do more as nearly 70 percent of our remaining trash could be recycled or composted. To reach our goals, continued focus must be placed on initiatives that encourage greater waste reduction, recycling, composting, reuse of products and materials, and purchasing of recycled products; and
- WHEREAS:** Encouraging businesses, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools, and individuals to celebrate America Recycles Day 2013, will further promote recycling as an environmentally efficient and economically smart practice; and
- WHEREAS:** By informing citizens about local recycling options and promoting the benefits of recycling investments for businesses, state and community leaders will encourage recycling and foster greater awareness of the need to expand collection programs; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important that all Minnesota citizens become involved in recycling activities and learn more about the many recycled and recyclable products available to them as consumers. It is also fitting for Minnesotans to celebrate America Recycles Day 2013, and take action by educating others about recycling options available in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 15, 2013, as:

## AMERICA RECYCLES 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE