



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is strengthened when good character and ethical leadership are encouraged and people make decisions that positively affect themselves and others; and

WHEREAS: Character education complements and includes a broad range of educational approaches such as social-emotional learning, civic education, service learning, and whole child education to assist youth in becoming caring, responsible, and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS: Quality character education creates an integrated culture that supports and challenges students and adults to strive for excellence; and

WHEREAS: Schools that embed high-quality character education into their curricula and culture find improved behavior, academic achievement, peer interaction, school culture, and parental involvement; and

WHEREAS: Today, we celebrate schools with quality character education practices, as well as programs that develop good character and ethical leadership, which make a positive difference in the lives of Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 8, 2014, as:

CHARACTER RECOGNITION 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 20th day of March.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE