



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Child abuse is an issue that affects all members of our community, and finding solutions requires the involvement of all people in a community; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse prevention works when partnerships are created between parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities, health care organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS: Family-serving, youth-focused prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people, and encourage parents and youth to develop strong ties to their communities; and

WHEREAS: All citizens need to be more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention within the community and be involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2012 as:

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and call upon all citizens, community groups, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of March.

GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE