



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to providing meaningful education to middle and elementary school students; and
- WHEREAS: Youth violence, delinquency, and bullying are local and national concerns; and
- WHEREAS: Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) is an effective, evidence-based gang and violence prevention program built around school-based classroom curricula, taught by law enforcement officer instructors; and
- WHEREAS: The G.R.E.A.T. program offers a continuum of components for students and their families, which focuses on providing life skills to help youth avoid bullying, delinquent behaviors, and the use of violence to solve problems; and
- WHEREAS: The G.R.E.A.T. pledge, "I pledge to use my G.R.E.A.T. skills to reduce violence in my community, work to resolve conflicts peacefully, and stop bullying whenever I see it," effectively serves to remind students to use these life skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014, as:

## CHOOSE TO BE G.R.E.A.T. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE