



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesotan runners endured a long, cold winter and spring brings with it a renewed sense of optimism for, and enjoyment of, outdoor running in our beautiful state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is invested in building strong, healthy, and physically fit communities. The Minneapolis and Saint Paul metro area tops the American College of Sports Medicine's American Fitness Index; and
- WHEREAS: Many Minnesotan runners are beginning to train for fall Minnesota races; and
- WHEREAS: The Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon and Medtronic TC 10 Mile races are highlights of the racing season, uniting participants and spectators alike. The events showcase Minneapolis and Saint Paul neighborhoods and the marathon has been dubbed "The Most Beautiful Urban Marathon in America"; and
- WHEREAS: Monday, April 21, 2014, marks one year from the Boston Marathon bombings, where our shock and disbelief quickly progressed to an overwhelming desire to unite as runners and help heal our running community; and
- WHEREAS: Race finishers view their "finisher shirts" as badges of pride and will look for any good reason to wear them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2014, as:

## FINISHER SHIRT FRIDAY

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

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE