



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Fire departments in Minnesota are committed to ensuring the safety and security of people in our state; and
- WHEREAS: Fire is a serious public safety concern and, statistically, people are at greatest risk from fire in their homes; and
- WHEREAS: In 2013, structure fires killed 34 people in Minnesota; and Minnesota fire departments responded to 6,330 structure fires, including 4,793 residential fires; and
- WHEREAS: Statistics prove that working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half. When smoke alarms fail, it is usually because they are disconnected or batteries are missing or dead; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of their homes. Smoke alarms should be tested regularly and the batteries should be replaced twice each year; and
- WHEREAS: The 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!, reminds us that we need working smoke alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2014, as:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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 24th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE