



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition inspires high school students to pursue careers in science and technology; and

WHEREAS: During the past six years, the Minnesota FIRST Robotics contingent has grown from 2 to 154 teams, the 3rd largest state contingent in the nation, with teams from Pipestone to Cook County and from La Crescent to Thief River Falls. Teams which represent full diversity of the state's high school students, from rural and metropolitan areas and representing public, private, and charter schools; and

WHEREAS: The largest ever FIRST Robotics Competition regionals is being held the weekend of March 30, with 127 teams filling Williams and Mariucci Arenas on the University of Minnesota Campus, in addition to the Lake Superior Regional at the DECC in Duluth three weeks ago, where 64 teams competed; and

WHEREAS: The FIRST Robotics Competition has become a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) program this year, the first STEM program and the first such state-sanctioned program for FIRST Robotics teams in the nation. The MSHSL will host its inaugural Minnesota State Championship competition on Saturday, May 19th at Williams Arena for the state's top 24 teams; and

WHEREAS: With all the challenges facing our state and nation, science and technology education and the work of the FIRST Robotics program has never been more vital to our future well-being and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 30th, 2012 as:

FIRST ROBOTICS 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 29th day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE