



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Every child matters and has the right to be cared for and respected emotionally, physically, and intellectually; and

WHEREAS: The creative arts have the ability to inspire and transform lives, and children who engage in the act of artistic expression demonstrate an increased ability to communicate and experience enhanced self-confidence in decision making, heightened critical thinking skills, and stronger positioning for a successful adult life; and

WHEREAS: Free Arts Minnesota is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the healing power of the creative arts into the lives of abused, neglected, and at-risk children and their families; and

WHEREAS: Free Arts Minnesota programs provide children with the opportunity to express themselves through the arts, while building healthy relationships with loving adult mentors; and

WHEREAS: Free Arts provides an essential service to the children of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2012 to be:

FREE ARTS MINNESOTA 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 26th day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE