



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The week of November 17-23, 2013, has been designated Geography Awareness Week and has been recognized as a congressionally-mandated week since 1987; and
- WHEREAS: The internet, cell phones, and other technologies have made the world a smaller and increasingly interconnected place; and
- WHEREAS: A large number of American students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond the borders of the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education; and
- WHEREAS: During the course of Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year, teachers, students, and communities across Minnesota will gain a greater understanding of our world and its interconnected human and natural systems; and
- WHEREAS: A special emphasis will be placed on the theme of exploration utilizing resources developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 17-23, 2013, as:

## GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE