



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The United States Department of State and the United States Department of Education have declared the week of November 17-21, 2014, as International Education Week, in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and
- WHEREAS:** International education and exchange includes thousands of public and private programs, which promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders, including: study abroad programs; citizen and scholarly exchanges; foreign students on United States' campuses; area and foreign language studies; and global approaches to education in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** By participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and are more prepared to succeed in a global environment; and
- WHEREAS:** We live in an increasingly interconnected world, and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and national security; and
- WHEREAS:** Through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security, and well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota colleges, universities, high schools, and language institutes have united to form the Study Minnesota Consortium, working together to increase the number of international students in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17-21, 2014, as:

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE