STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Natural disasters in the state of Minnesota have a significant physical, emotional, and financial impact on citizens and property each year; and

WHEREAS: Tornadoes, hail, straight-line winds, floods, and heat waves create imminent threats to life and property in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Statewide, Minnesota has suffered measureable damage in excess of $391 million from declared natural disasters that occurred from 2000 through 2013; and

WHEREAS: These disastrous weather events took the lives of 21 people; and

WHEREAS: The quality of life for Minnesota citizens can be quickly and severely damaged by weather events. It is essential that we increase awareness of impending weather threats and the actions necessary to prepare for and survive them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-25, 2014, as:

SEVERE WEATHER 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 11th day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE