



STATE of MINNESOTA

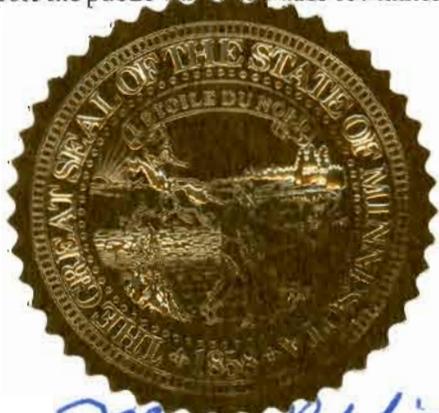
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of Minnesota residents and visitors; and
WHEREAS: Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk of fire. Thirty-nine people died as a result of fire in Minnesota in 2010, with eighty-seven percent of those fire deaths occurring where people generally feel the safest—at home; and
WHEREAS: Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires in Minnesota and nationwide, while open flame, heating and electrical equipment, arson, and smoking materials are among the leading causes of all reported home fires; and
WHEREAS: A home candle fire is reported to a U.S. fire department on average every thirty minutes; and
WHEREAS: Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by fifty percent, while automatic fire-sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about eighty percent ; and
WHEREAS: Minnesota’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home -fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
WHEREAS: Minnesota residents are responsive to public education measures and able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
WHEREAS: Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will, therefore, be more likely to survive a fire; and
WHEREAS: The 2011 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Its Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!” effectively serves to remind Minnesotans of the simple actions they can take to keep their homes and families safe from fire year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2011 as:

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and urge citizens to protect their homes and families by heeding fire safety messages and support the public safety activities of Minnesota fire and emergency services.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 15th day of September.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR