



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization that represents 60,000 adult swimmers with more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37 percent of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their head; and
- WHEREAS: Adult drowning is a problem we can solve. Teaching adults to swim is the core objective of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of the USMS, and its foundation partners; and
- WHEREAS: The Swimming Saves Lives Foundation provides grant resources to programs in Minnesota for adult learn-to-swim lessons, so that potentially hundreds of adults could learn to swim who might not otherwise have the opportunity; and
- WHEREAS: The grants are privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of USMS members and supporters; and
- WHEREAS: April is recognized nationally as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making opportunities available to non-swimmers for fun, fitness, and health, can be attained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as:

## ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March.

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

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE