



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sudden Cardiac Arrest strikes approximately 42 men, women, and children every hour in the United States, killing more than 6,000 Minnesotans each year; and

WHEREAS: More than 5,900 children suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year from causes including trauma, cardiovascular issues, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Prompt delivery of CPR more than doubles a victim's chance of survival from Sudden Cardiac Arrest by helping to maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain, increasing the amount of time in which an electric shock from a defibrillator may be effective; and

WHEREAS: An automated external defibrillator (AED) is safe, easy to operate, and if used immediately after the onset of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, highly effective in terminating ventricular fibrillation so the heart can resume a normal, effective, rhythm; and

WHEREAS: Public access to AEDs can increase survival rates and effective hands-only CPR techniques can be taught in less than thirty minutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 3-9, 2012 as:

CPR AND AED AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota, and urge citizens to familiarize themselves with hands-only CPR techniques and how to operate an AED.



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 25th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE