



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

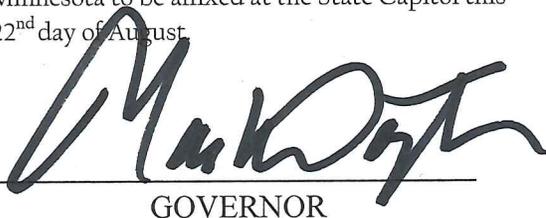
PROCLAMATION FOR SPECIAL SESSION 2012

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Constitution allows the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature on "extraordinary occasions;" and
- WHEREAS: From June 14 through June 21, 2012, severe storms and flooding occurred, causing historic damage to the Counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Crow Wing, Dakota, Goodhue, Kandiyohi, Lake, Meeker, Pine, Rice, Sibley, and Saint Louis, and to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS: The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Minnesota, and granted federal aid for public infrastructure, but denied my request for individual assistance for residents whose homes, business, and lives were devastated by the terrible flooding; and
- WHEREAS: I have exercised my emergency powers under existing law to direct agency resources to affected individuals and local governments; however, the immediate needs in the disaster areas far exceed available federal and state resources; and
- WHEREAS: I have consulted with legislative leaders and have reached an agreement that immediate action by the State Legislature is necessary to provide assistance and aid to impacted local governments, business, and individuals; and
- WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota are best served by a one-day special session with the limited agenda of passing a 2012 Disaster Relief Appropriations Bill; and
- WHEREAS: Elected leaders of the Legislature have agreed upon an agenda and procedure to complete a special session within one legislative day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby summon you, members of the Legislature, to convene in Special Session on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the State Capitol in Saint Paul, 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 22nd day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE