



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, 98 percent of all wildfires are caused by people, and the number one cause is the burning of woody debris; and
- WHEREAS: In the past 18 months, 21 homes and 3 commercial buildings were lost to wildfires caused by people who misjudged the weather conditions and fire danger; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, Minnesota wildland firefighters and rural fire department volunteers risk their lives to extinguish these fires to protect people and property; and
- WHEREAS: Annually, fire agencies in Minnesota respond to an average of 1,250 wildfires that burn 38,000 acres, costing tens of millions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS: The best way to protect lives and property from wildfire is to prevent fires from occurring; and
- WHEREAS: 2014 marks the 70th year of Smokey Bear's campaign of preventing wildfires due to careless actions; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans can help stop wildfire threats through simple, inexpensive measures and understanding the danger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20-26, 2014, as:

WILDFIRE PREVENTION 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 9th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE