



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: There are approximately 908,000 children, birth to age 12, living in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 76 percent of our state's families use child care while they work; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota early care and education community, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 22-28, 2012; and

WHEREAS: These organizations are working to ensure healthy development for Minnesota's children by improving the quality of learning opportunities which provide a foundation of learning; and

WHEREAS: Teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Minnesota deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS: Public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to their futures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2012 as:

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage citizens to work to make early care and education a priority in our 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE