



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The needs of the people of Minnesota are great: for jobs, for the safe return of our troops and for health, hope and reconciliation for all; and

WHEREAS: The assets of our State are abundant: rich farm land, beautiful lakes, strong families and an unmatched heritage of hard-work, sacrifice, patriotism, innovative ideas and community service; and

WHEREAS: We desire an inclusive, broadminded and tolerant society, and as Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "The great act of faith is when man decides that he is not God"; and

WHEREAS: From the earliest days of our nation, through war and depressions and natural disasters, to the recent events of September 11, the conflict in Iraq, and loss of our fallen heroes in the military and law enforcement, our people have turned to prayer to seek wisdom, guidance and strength and to express thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS: The Congress of the United States has designated the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2011 to be:

## MINNESOTA DAY OF PRAYER

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE