STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1976, and with the assistance of states, U.S. overseas territories, and Indian tribal governments, enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient, safe, and healthy; and

WHEREAS: As demands on energy resources increase, all Minnesotans should take the same energy efficiency measures in their homes and businesses as those implemented through the Weatherization Program. It is important to follow recommended conservation practices to conserve our resources and reduce individual energy consumption; and

WHEREAS: This Administration has fostered efforts to reduce the impacts of global climate change, including steps executive agencies are taking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the energy efficiency of buildings and appliances; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Weatherization Assistance Program, administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, in cooperation with a network of local service providers; community action agencies; non-profit organizations; and local governments, has reduced residential energy costs by an average of thirty-five percent, affecting more than 50,000 Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's network of local service providers consider weatherization vital to increasing residential energy efficiency and lowering the household energy burden, which is essential to reducing poverty, creating jobs, stabilizing neighborhoods, eliminating carbon emissions, reducing dependence on foreign oil, and stimulating local economies through the purchase of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2012 as:

WEATHERIZATION DAY

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 11th day of October.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE