## STATE OF MINNESOTA, Procumation

WHEREAS:

There are approximately 900,000 children, birth to age 12, living in

Minnesota; and

WHEREAS:

An estimated 72 percent of families in Minnesota have both parents in the

workforce; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota early care and education community, in conjunction with

the National Association of the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 14 – 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS:

These organizations are working to ensure healthy development for

Minnesota's children by improving the quality of learning opportunities

that 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 14 – 20, 2013 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

