STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The peaceful borders between Canada and the United States and between the State of Minnesota and the Provinces of Ontario and Manitoba have reinforced strong bonds of friendship across our international boundary spanning nearly two centuries. The longest undefended border in the world, it is a lesson of peace for all nations; and

WHEREAS: As Canada, Ontario, and Manitoba celebrate Canada Day on July 1, and the United States and Minnesota celebrate Independence Day on July 4, International Peaceful Borders Day, falling between these two celebrations, honors the independence of each country while celebrating our shared history and the ties of peace that bind us together; and

WHEREAS: International Peaceful Borders Day is an opportunity to ponder what our lives would be like without peaceful borders, and seek ways to celebrate the social, educational, economic, and cultural benefits we enjoy because the United States and Canada are friendly neighbors; and

WHEREAS: The United States and Canada celebrate our shared values during International Peaceful Borders Day, and commit ourselves to building and maintaining lasting partnerships. As we celebrate our independence and shared history, we are thankful for the blessings of good friends and good neighbors across peaceful borders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 2, 2013 as:

PEACEFUL BORDERS 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 1st day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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