



STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota children are Minnesota's most valuable resource, and their safety getting to and from school is a top priority; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers around the state are trained and retrained to serve in the highest standards of school bus operation, transporting the 766,269 students in Minnesota's 369 school districts; and

WHEREAS: School bus transportation directors, safety directors, mechanics, bus company owners, and all those employed in the school bus industry continually review school bus safety policies and routing procedures, taking all precautions to protect our most precious cargo - our children; and

WHEREAS: School children in Minnesota are trained annually in safe evacuation procedures and school bus safety rules so that, in the event of an emergency, they are prepared; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association works in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Pupil Transportation Safety, and the Department of Education to actively promote programs that emphasize school bus safety and seek the cooperation of the citizens of Minnesota to comply with school bus transportation law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
October 17-21, 2011 as:

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE