



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated by the United States Department of Energy in 1976, so states and communities can make energy-efficient, safe, and healthy homes possible for low-income families; and
- WHEREAS:** The average family in the United States spends more than \$1,300 on utility bills every year, representing 20 to 40 percent of the annual income of a low-income family; and
- WHEREAS:** The Weatherization Assistance Program, utilizing federal, state, local, and private funding, helps households and communities across the nation by providing cost-effective, energy-efficient retrofits to homes; 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, reduces energy costs and positively impacts Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS:** The program's local service providers consider weatherization a vital part of overall efforts helping people of low income gain energy-efficient, affordable, and safe housing and other basic necessities, which enable them to advance socially and economically; and
- WHEREAS:** The program has gained the growing support of public and private interests due to its proven effectiveness and recognized potential to do more for the common good.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 30, 2014, 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 29th day of September.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE