



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Good mental health is as important as physical health and is a foundation for ensuring a healthy childhood, success in school, and hopeful a future; and
- WHEREAS: Despite our community's best efforts, more than one-fifth of children and adolescents nationwide will experience the signs and symptoms of a mental health disorder, yet only 20 percent of those children will get the help they need; and
- WHEREAS: Children's mental health is a critically important issue that impacts all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Children's mental health interventions can make a lasting improvement in the lives of every Minnesotan by improving educational outcomes, reducing juvenile crime, and creating healthier and safer communities; and
- WHEREAS: Washburn Center for Children is a 128-year-old organization which helps thousands of Minnesota children and their families each year; and
- WHEREAS: Washburn Center for Children is an integral part of a caring community, with parents, teachers and a wide range of community organizations turning to Washburn for help in addressing children's mental health concerns; and
- WHEREAS: Washburn Center for Children is the foremost children's mental health center in Minnesota, and its clinical staff includes some of the leading clinicians in the state; and
- WHEREAS: May 3, 2011 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2011 as:

### WASHBURN CENTER FOR CHILDREN DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and I invite citizens to observe this day in recognition of the Washburn Center for Children and its role in ensuring our children can continue to grow and thrive in a state where children's mental health is a priority.



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 14th day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE