



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Assistance dogs improve the lives of people with disabilities by providing them with the gifts of freedom and independence, and they provide peace of mind for families and the community; and

WHEREAS: Assistance Dogs are vital for a wide array of people with disabilities. Guide Dogs safely lead people who are blind through environmental hazards; Hearing Assist Dogs alert people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing to important and sometimes critical sounds; and Mobility Assist Dogs act as the hands and feet for people with physical disabilities by retrieving dropped objects, opening doors, carrying backpacks, pulling wheelchairs, retrieving cordless phones, and performing countless other tasks; and

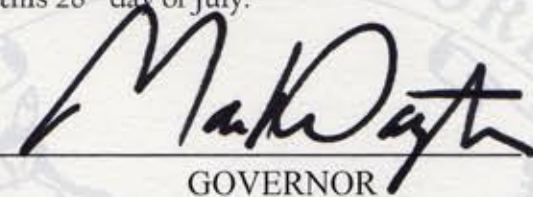
WHEREAS: Assistance Dogs play a critical role in the lives of those with medical issues and developmental disorders. Autism Assist Dogs keep children with autism safe in public places and help them connect to their communities and environments, and Seizure Assist Dogs and Diabetes Assist Dogs provide support and safety before, during, and after medical emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2011 as:

ASSISTANCE DOG 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 28th day of July.


GOVERNOR





SECRETARY OF STATE