



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Violence affects families in every walk of life, and threatens the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors, and families; and

WHEREAS: It is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training regarding conflict resolution, mental health, parenting skills, and non-violence, and to make resources available to contribute to "*Changing the Culture of Violence in America*"; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Ghandi, and President Nelson Mandela demonstrated leadership in non-violence, and called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create more fair and just societies; and

WHEREAS: Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC), a national, civic, volunteer organization is calling for a National Week of Non-Violence, August 16-23, 2014; and

WHEREAS: Leaders are encouraged to organize workshops on non-violence in collaboration with elected officials, faith-based leaders, business leaders, national organizations, educators, musicians, rappers, athletes, and community leaders throughout the week; and

WHEREAS: Citizens are encouraged to organize community-based events that teach non-violence, conflict resolution, and related skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 16-23, 2014, as:

WEEK OF NON-VIOLENCE

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 11th day of August.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE