TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

Key events and actions during the administration of Governor Mark Dayton, Minnesota's 40th Governor

FIRST TERM [JANUARY 2011 – JANUARY 2015]			
Date	**Event**	**Description**	**Notes**
12/13/10	**Governor Dayton Announces Senior Staff**	Tina Smith (Chief of Staff), Dana Anderson (Deputy CoS), Andrea Mokros (Deputy CoS), and Michelle Kelm Helgen (Deputy CoS) are announced as senior staff; Katherine Tinucci (Press Secretary) and Fatima Villasenor (Senior Aide) announced to other key posts.	[News Release]
12/17/10	**Governor Dayton Announces Senior Counsel**	Peter Wattson is selected to serve as Governor Dayton's general counsel.	[News Release]
12/22/10	**Governor Dayton Appoints Agriculture Commissioner**	Dave Frederickson is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.	[News Release]
12/22/10	**Governor Dayton Appoints Labor Commissioner**	Ken Peterson is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.	[News Release]
12/30/10	**Governor Dayton Appoints Budget Commissioner**	Jim Schowalter is selected to lead Minnesota Management and Budget.	[News Release]
12/31/10	**Governor Dayton Appoints Education Commissioner**	Dr. Brenda Cassellius is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Education.	[News Release]
12/31/10	**Governor Dayton Appoints Pollution Control Commissioner**	Paul Aasen is selected to lead the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.	[News Release]
12/31/10	**Governor Dayton Appoints Health Commissioner**	Dr. Ed Ehlinger is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Health.	[News Release]
1/3/11	**Governor Dayton Takes Oath of Office as Minnesota's 40th Governor**	Mark Dayton becomes Minnesota's 40th Governor, taking the Oath of Office in a Noon ceremony at St. Paul's Landmark Center.	[News Release]
1/5/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Revenue Commissioner**	Myron Frans is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Revenue.	[News Release]
1/5/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Commerce Commissioner**	Mike Rothman is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Commerce.	[News Release]
1/5/11	**In First Act as Governor, Governor Dayton Signs Executive Orders**	In his first official act, Governor Dayton signs two executive orders implementing Minnesota's early Medicaid enrollment. This action	[News Release]

	implementing Medicaid opt-in	helped 95,000 Minnesotans access health coverage and protected 20,000 health care jobs across the state.	
1/6/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Natural Resources Commissioner**	Tom Landwehr is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.	[News Release]
1/7/11	**Governor Dayton Requests Detailed Audit of Minnesota Department of Revenue's Internal Controls**	Governor Dayton issues a statement condemning previous fraud at the Department of Revenue, and requesting that the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) undertake a detailed examination of the Department's internal controls to prevent similar instances in the future.	[News Release]
1/10/11	**Governor Dayton Honors Victims of Arizona Shooting**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation lowering the flags to half-staff; he and Lt. Governor Prettner Solon observe a moment of silence at 10:00am CST.	[News Release]
1/11/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Human Services Commissioner**	Lucinda Jesson is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Human Services.	[News Release]
1/11/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints IRRRB Commissioner**	Tony Sertich is selected to lead the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.	[News Release]
1/12/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Veterans Affairs Commissioner**	Retired Major General Larry Shellito is selected to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs.	[News Release]
1/14/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission leader**	Ted Mondale is selected to lead the Minnesota Sports Facilities Commission.	[News Release]
1/14/11	**Governor Dayton Sends Letter to Wisconsin Governor Requesting Reciprocity Payment**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker requesting payment of the $58.7 million that was owed by the State of Wisconsin to the State of Minnesota under the terms of an individual income tax reciprocity agreement. Governor Pawlenty terminated the agreement when Wisconsin failed to reimburse Minnesota.	[News Release]
1/14/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Public Safety Commissioner**	Mona Dohman is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.	[News Release]
1/18/11	**Republican Leadership in the Minnesota House and Senate Release Their Budget Proposal**	Governor Dayton issues a statement promising a "reasonable, balanced, complete budget solution."	[News Release]
1/19/11	**Governor Dayton Makes Citizen Appointment to the IRRRB**	Joe Begich is appointed to serve on the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB).	[News Release]
1/19/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints DEED Commissioner**	Mark Phillips is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of	[News Release]

		Employment and Economic Development (DEED).	
1/19/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Senior Advisor to the Governor for Job Creation**	Kathy Tunheim is selected to bring together the best thinking, advice, counsel and expertise on how to grow private sector jobs and Minnesota's economy.	[News Release]
1/20/11	**Governor Dayton Expedites Medicaid Expansion**	Governor Dayton announces that eligible Minnesotans will begin receiving improved Medicaid benefits March 1, 2011, under an expansion of the state's Medical Assistance (MA) program – benefitting 95,000 Minnesotans.	[News Release]
1/20/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Corrections Commissioner**	Tom Roy is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Corrections.	[News Release]
1/20/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Chair of the Commission on Judicial Selection**	Lee Sheehy is selected to lead the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection.	[News Release]
1/21/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Higher Education Director**	Dr. Sheila Wright is selected to lead the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.	[News Release]
1/21/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Housing Commissioner**	Mary Tingerthal is selected to lead the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.	[News Release]
1/24/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order to Speed Permitting Process**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-04, reforming the way two state agencies do business. The Order instructs the Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to "move at the speed of commerce" by accelerating and simplifying their environmental review and permitting processes.	[News Release]
1/25/11	**President Obama Delivers His State of the Union Address**	Governor Dayton issues a statement in response to the President's address, calling it "a terrific speech."	[News Release]
1/25/11	**National Governors Association Opposes a Policy Allowing States to Declare Bankruptcy**	Governor Dayton issues a statement supporting the NGA's position, noting this is an authority that governors do not want and would not use.	[News Release]
1/27/11	**Obama Administration Announces Plans to Visit Minneapolis on "New Markets, New Jobs" Tour**	Minneapolis is named as the first stop on the Obama Administration's "New Markets, New Jobs" tour. Governor Dayton and Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak announce they will join the event working directly with local small and medium sized businesses at the daylong forum to talk about how to expand markets and create new jobs.	[News Release]

1/27/11	**AGCO announces plans to expand in Jackson, Minnesota**	Governor Dayton visits Jackson, MN for the announcement of AGCO's plans to produce Massey Ferguson and Challenger tractors at the company's Jackson manufacturing facility. AGCO is a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment and is the largest employer in Jackson. The expansion was expected to add another 100 full-time manufacturing jobs and support broader economic growth in the local community.	[News Release]
1/31/11	**Governor Dayton Introduces 1st Bonding Bill**	Governor Dayton announces a $1 billion Bonding Bill to create jobs and stimulate economic growth throughout Minnesota. The proposal includes $531 million in investments in over 300 critical infrastructure projects; and, in an unusual, if not unprecedented approach, the Governor purposely leaves the other half unencumbered ($470 million), inviting the Legislature to fill that half of the bill with projects it deems most important.	[News Release]
2/1/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints MN.IT Commissioner**	Carolyn Parnell is selected to lead MN.IT Services.	[News Release]
2/4/11	**Governor Dayton, Commissioner Cassellius Announce Vision for Education Reform**	Reaffirming his commitment to make education a top priority, Governor Dayton and Commissioner Cassellius lay out his vision for comprehensive education reform in Minnesota. "Better Schools for a Better Minnesota" lays out a seven-point plan for education reform designed to help every Minnesota student succeed. Governor Dayton also announces he will keep his campaign promise to increase funding for education.	[News Release]
2/8/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Commissioner of Mediation Services**	Josh Tilsen is selected to lead the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services.	[News Release]
2/8/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Commissioner of Administration**	Spencer Cronk is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Administration.	[News Release]
2/8/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Human Rights Commissioner**	Kevin Lindsey is selected to lead the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.	[News Release]
2/9/11	**Governor Dayton Delivers First State of the State Address**	Governor Dayton delivers his first State of the State Address to a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature.	[News Release] [Remarks]

2/10/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Chair of Metropolitan Airports Commission**	Dan Boivin is selected to lead the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) as chair.	[News Release]
2/10/11	**Governor Dayton Issues First Veto (HF130)**	Governor Dayton vetoes a bill that would have reduced appropriations in FY2011 – FY2013. The Governor expressed his concerns that the bill would dramatically increase property taxes, made inaccurate budget assumptions, and offered only a piecemeal approach to an overall budget solution.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
2/15/11	**Governor Dayton Makes Appointments to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**	Jane Kingston and Scott Rall are selected to serve on the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.	[News Release]
2/15/11	**Governor Dayton Releases First Budget Proposal**	Governor Dayton unveils his FY12-13 Budget, keeping his promises to increase funding for education, hold down property taxes, and reform state government to maintain core services. Dayton's fair, responsible, and balanced budget ensures no tax increase for 95% of Minnesotans while raising revenue to address the state's financial crisis and deficits.	[News Release] [Presentation] [E-12 Fact Sheet] [Health Fact Sheet] [Fiscal Fact Sheet] [Prop Tax Fact Sheet] [Tax Fact Sheet]
2/17/11	**Governor Dayton Signs his First Bill into Law (SF139)**	Governor Dayton signs into law Senate File 139, a bill related to online notification of EPA-certified lead abatement licensed contractors.	[News Release]
2/17/11	**Minnesota Receives Federal Approval for Medical Assistance Expansion**	The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) grants approval to expand Minnesota's Medical Assistance program. Starting March 1, 2011, more low-income Minnesotans will be eligible for Medicaid benefits, which will result in better care for more people and at a lesser cost to the state. This will also save or create 20,000 jobs in our state's health care related industries.	[News Release]
2/28/11	**Dayton Calls for Legislative Action on Delayed Tax Payments to Help Minnesota Businesses**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to Legislative Leadership, calling for action to stop the delay of tax refund payments to Minnesota businesses as a budget-balancing tool. The Legislature enacted this delay of $150 million in tax refunds during the 2010 legislative session.	[News Release] [Letter]
2/28/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Revisions to his Budget Proposal, following Updated State Budget Forecast**	Following a forecast showing a nearly $1.2 billion improvement in Minnesota's budget deficit, Governor Dayton moves quickly to revise his proposed budget to promote	[News Release]

		economic growth and maintain his commitment to a fair, responsible and balanced budget. The Governor's revised budget, to be released in the coming weeks, will eliminate his proposed income tax surcharge, reduce cuts to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, restore cuts to fire safety training, and invest in strategies to grow jobs and spur economic development.	
2/28/11	**Governor, Legislature Reach Agreement on Alternative Teacher Licensing**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to the Chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees regarding SF40, the Alternative Pathway to Teacher Licensing bill. The letter outlines a compromise and agreement regarding SF40 and the Governor's intent to sign the bill, if passed as outlined.	[News Release] [Letter]
3/3/11	**Governor Dayton Signs HF1 to Streamline Permitting Process**	Governor Dayton signs HF1/SF42 into law. The bill streamlines the state's permitting process, putting into law the tenants of his Executive Order to ensure the Department of Natural Resources and the Pollution Control Agency are moving at the speed of commerce by accelerating and simplifying environmental review and permitting processes.	[News Release] [Letter]
3/4/11	**Governor Dayton Makes Appointments to Ballpark Authority**	Former Congressman Martin Sabo and St. Paul Deputy Mayor Paul Williams are selected to serve on the Minnesota Ballpark Authority.	[News Release]
3/4/11	**Governor Dayton Honors Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt**	Governor Dayton signs a proclamation ordering all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, March 5, 2011 in honor and remembrance of Corporal Andrew Charles Wilfahrt of Rosemount.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/7/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Two New Members to Campaign Finance Board**	Andy Luger and Deanna Wiener are selected to serve on the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.	[News Release]
3/8/11	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Named to Leadership of National Lieutenant Governors Association**	Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon, is appointed to the Executive Committee of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA).	[News Release]
3/9/11	**Governor Dayton Makes Appointment to Public Utilities Commission**	State Senator Ellen Anderson is selected by Governor Dayton to chair the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.	[News Release]

3/9/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Extending Unemployment Benefits**	Governor Dayton signs HF103/SF114 into law. The bill allows the State of Minnesota to pay up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits. The extension of benefits will be 100 percent federally funded. By extending unemployment benefits, 55,000 unemployed Minnesotans will receive up to $160 million in benefits through the end of the year.	[News Release]
3/10/11	**Republican Legislative Leaders Release Budget Targets**	Press Secretary Katherine Tinucci releases a statement highlighting the GOP's efforts to cut funding for education, health care, jobs, and veterans, while raising property taxes.	[News Release]
3/16/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Health Insurer Ucare Contributes $30 Million to Budget Solution**	Governor Dayton and Commissioner of Human Services Lucinda Jesson announce that UCare health plan is making a voluntary, one-time contribution of $30 million out of their reserves in light of Minnesota's $5 billion budget deficit. The contribution will be paid to the state's treasury.	[News Release]
3/16/11	**Governor Dayton Introduces his Education Budget Bill**	Governor Dayton announces the introduction of his education budget bill, keeping his promise to increase funding for K-12 education every year he is in office "no exceptions, no excuses." The bill is a centerpiece of the Governor's fair, responsible, and balanced budget approach and will be carried in the legislature by Representative Mindy Greiling and Senator LeRoy Stumpf, who will introduce the bill. The bill is focused on: 1) increasing funding for E-12 schools; 2) helping close achievement gaps by focusing on early learners; and 3) rewarding excellence and encouraging innovation in E-12 education.	[News Release]
3/17/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Executive Order Establishing Early Learning Council**	Governor Dayton reaffirms his commitment to make quality early childhood education a priority by signing an executive order to reauthorize the state's Early Learning Council. The Governor's action highlights his vision that all Minnesota children enter school well-prepared to learn.	[News Release] [Executive Order] [Fact Sheet]
3/22/11	**Governor Dayton Pushes for Regular Campaign Finance Reporting**	Governor Dayton urges the legislature to join him in supporting aggressive campaign finance reform by passing HF1099/SF631. The Governor was joined by the chief authors of the	[News Release]

		legislation Sen. John Marty and Rep. Ryan Winkler, as well as co-sponsors Sen. Katie Sieben and Rep. Steve Simon. Governor Dayton notes he will voluntarily abide by quarterly reporting provisions in the bill.	
3/22/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill to Increase Penalties for Harming Police Dogs**	HF141/SF121. The new law increases the penalties for people who injure or kill police or other public safety dogs. He is joined at the signing ceremony by Public Safety Commissioner Ramona Dohman, Senator Dan Hall, Representative Tony Cornish, Roseville Police Officer John Jorgensen and his German Shepherd canine partner, K-9 Major.	[News Release] [Photo]
3/23/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Competitive Bidding Effort, Regular Audits of Health Plans, Focused on Paying For Health Care Outcomes**	Governor Dayton announces the State of Minnesota will have a competitive bidding process for providers of state health care and focus its payments for health care on outcomes instead of procedures. Governor Dayton also signs an Executive Order requiring regular audits of health plans, and demanding full public disclosure of the profits, reserves, and administrative expenses of state contracted health care providers. These changes, announced by Governor Dayton, Human Services Commissioner Lucinda Jesson, Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman, and Health Commissioner Ed Ehlinger represent a fundamental shift in how the state provides and pays for health care in order to better serve taxpayers.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
3/24/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order Related to Flood-Relief**	In preparation for expected flooding, Governor Dayton signs an Executive Order exempting motor carriers assisting with flood relief from certain motor carrier regulations, including overweight and over-dimension permits.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
3/24/11	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Recognized Nationally for Leadership on Energy and the Environment**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon is awarded the 2011 Public Leadership in Energy and Environmental Stewardship award, a nationwide recognition of her work on energy and the environment. Prettner Solon is the first-ever recipient of this newly established, annual award presented by General Electric in partnership with the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA).	[News Release]

3/29/11	**Governor Dayton Makes Six Additional Appointments to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)**	Carl Crimmins, Richard King, James Deal, Michael Madigan, Tammy Mencel, and Paul Rehkamp are selected by Governor Dayton to serve on the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)	[News Release]
3/29/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Law Allowing Access to Townhome Association Records**	HF362/SF241 permits common interest community unit owners to obtain copies of association records, and it specifies access to and charges for copying records.	[News Release]
3/30/11	**Governor Dayton Holds Economic Summit in North Minneapolis**	Governor Dayton holds a community meeting in North Minneapolis to discuss economic disparities and how state government can help to create employment and workforce training opportunities for low-income communities.	
4/1/11	**Governor Dayton Proposes Increased Pension For Family Of Mndot Employee Who Died During Flood Response Efforts**	Governor Dayton proposes legislation that would increase by 10 times the pension for the family of Mike Struck, a MnDOT employee who was killed while working on emergency flood response.	[News Release]
4/1/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement Supporting The Recommendations Of The Committee On Capitol Complex Security**	Governor Dayton announces his support for the Committee's security recommendations, and assigns Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman to lead all future Capitol security initiatives, as recommended by the Committee.	[News Release]
4/4/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Three Executive Orders Relating To Pollution Control, Natural Resources, And The Environment**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-08, extending 20 Executive Orders issued by prior administrations (i.e. regarding the employment of veterans, creation of an Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, etc.). Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-09, rescinding a previous Executive Order and designating the Natural Resources and Pollution Control commissioners as co-trustees for Natural Resources. Governor Dayton signs Executive 11-10, rescinding a previous executive order relating to the Department of Natural Resources and the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965.	[News Release] [Executive Order 11-08] [Executive Order 11-09] [Executive Order 11-10]
4/5/11	**Governor Dayton And Major Health Plans Agree To Cap 2011 Profits**	Governor Dayton and Human Services Commissioner Lucinda Jesson announce additional health care cost-savings, by reaching an agreement with the four major health plans – BlueCross BlueShield, HealthPartners, Medica, and UCare – to place a 1% cap	[News Release]

		on profits for 2011 managed care contracts. The four health plans voluntarily agree to a one-time cap on 2011 earnings at 1% of revenue, and to return any amount over 1% to the state's General and Health Care Access Funds in April, 2012.	
4/6/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Community Paramedics Bill**	Governor Dayton signs the Community Paramedics Bill (HF262/SF119) which creates certification for emergency medical technicians-community paramedics (EMT-CP) and directs the Commissioner of of Human Services to work with emergency medical service providers, physicians and public health nurses to further determine the services performed by Community Paramedics.	[News Release]
4/6/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Executive Order To Take Action On Flooding**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-11, declaring a state of emergency for 46 Minnesota counties impacted by spring flooding. The emergency declaration enables the State Emergency Operations Center to provide immediate help, when requested by those counties.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
4/7/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Allowing Flexible Scheduling For Airline Employees**	Governor Dayton signs into law a bill allowing airline employees flexibility in their schedules and work hours. Employees will be able to voluntarily swap scheduled hours with other employees, which will allow an employee to take time away from work to address personal or other issues as needed.	[News Release]
4/7/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Frozen Four Days In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton kicks off the start of the NCAA Men's Frozen Four hockey game at the Xcel Energy Center between University Minnesota Duluth and Notre Dame with the official announcement 'Let's Play Hockey!' He also officially proclaims April 7-9, 2011 as Frozen Four Days in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/8/11	**Governor Dayton Provides Report On Twin Cities Economic Summit Recommendations**	Governor Dayton releases a first report on recommendations made at the March 30, 2011 Economic Summit held in North Minneapolis. Over the course of nine days, Governor Dayton, Assistant Chief of Staff Micah Hines and commissioners in the Dayton Administration reviewed the recommendations, and outlined in a report actions the Administration has taken as a first step in advancing the community's issues.	[News Release] [Report]

4/8/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Executive Orders That Create Comprehensive Energy Savings Plan For State Government**	Governor Dayton signs three executive orders which, together, create a comprehensive energy conservation and sustainability action plan for state government, with a goal of generating millions in budget savings and creating thousands of new jobs.	[News Release]
4/9/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Executive Order Establishing Civil War Commemoration Task Force**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-15, establishing a Civil War Commemoration Task Force. The year 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War; members of the First Minnesota Volunteer Regiment were among those on the front lines, fighting throughout the war, including at the Battle of Gettysburg.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
4/9/11	**Governor Dayton Visits Moorhead To View Flood Preparations And Visit With Local Officials**	Governor Dayton, Senator Amy Klobuchar and Rep. Collin Peterson visit the Moorhead area as the city waited for the Red River to crest. Dayton and Klobuchar visit neighborhoods in Moorhead and Georgetown to view flood preparations and discuss state flood aid with local officials. At the direction of the governor's executive order, 200 members of the Minnesota National Guard have been activated for flood duty in western Minnesota. Guard members are conducting levee patrols, monitoring water pumps and securing road blocks in the communities of Moorhead, Oakport and Georgetown, Minn.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/12/11	**Dayton Administration Aims To Root Out Medicaid Fraud, Improve Government Performance**	The Dayton Administration announces a major step to make state government work better for Minnesotans, launching the use of data analytics to detect and prevent Medicaid fraud and improve performance in many other areas.	[News Release]
4/12/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims University Of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, April 13, University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs Day in Minnesota, in honor of the NCAA Division I Men's Hockey champion UMD Bulldogs.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/13/11	**Governor Dayton Responds To President Obama Speech On Deficit Reduction**	Governor Dayton responds to President Obama's speech on deficit reduction, saying the President articulated a balanced approach to bringing down the deficit with fairness and shared responsibility	[News Release]

4/15/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bipartisan Agriculture Budget Bill**	Governor Dayton sigs the Omnibus Agriculture Appropriations Bill (SF1016/HF1039) into law. The bill appropriates nearly $79 million for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute over the next two years. The sum of the appropriations represents a 5% reduction to each of the three agencies' operating budgets.	[News Release]
4/15/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Green Acres Bill**	This bill changes the Green Acres and Rural Preserves programs. The bill passed both the Minnesota State House and Senate with bipartisan support; the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers, the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Farmer's Union all testified in support of the bill. The new law aims to simplify the administration of the Green Acres and Rural Preserves programs, as well as make it easier for landowners to participate.	[News Release]
4/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Clarifying Real Estate Licensing**	Clarifies that real estate licensees and appraisers may perform broker price opinions (BPOs), which are estimates of a property's probable selling price based on comparable properties in the market.	[News Release]
4/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Relating To Liquor Licensing**	Authorizes cities to issue an on-sale wine license and an on-sale malt liquor license for a stadium or ballpark for the purposes of summer collegiate league baseball games.	[News Release]
4/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Law Changing Length Of Red Wing Port Authority Term**	This law changes term limits for an appointee to the Red Wing Port Authority from six years to three years for a term beginning on or after January 1, 2011.	[News Release]
4/27/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags At Half-Staff For Fallen Soldier Joseph Alan Kennedy**	In honor of Army Specialist Joseph Alan Kennedy, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Thursday, April 28, 2011, the day of his interment. Kennedy, a native of Inver Grove Heights, was killed in combat in Afghanistan on April 15, 2011. He graduated from Simley High School in 2004, and was a member of the U.S. Army Company D, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, based out of Fort Knox, Kentucky.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

4/27/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Workers Memorial Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, April 28, 2011 to be Workers Memorial Day, in remembrance of the workers who have been injured or killed on the job in the State of Minnesota and also in recognition of the continuing efforts that are needed to improve safety in highway work zones and at all worksites.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/29/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Modifying Local Election Procedures**	Governor Dayton signs HF978/SF919 into law, modifying local election administrative and redistricting procedures, to make such procedures more manageable for city and county election administrators.	[News Release]
5/2/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Death Of Osama Bin Laden**	The Governor's statement congratulates President Obama and the American soldiers who successfully carried out this crucial mission, recounts his visit to Afghanistan in 2002, thanks Minnesota's military service members, and notes he has instructed Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman to redouble the state's vigilance in the coming weeks to assure Minnesotans are fully protected from any repercussions.	[News Release]
5/3/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Minnesota Teacher Day**	Governor Dayton proclaims May 3, 2011, as Minnesota Teacher Day, in conjunction with National Teacher Day, urging that all observe the day by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of teachers. Governor Dayton also recognizes Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Katy Smith.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/3/11	**Dayton Administration Launches Drive To Create 'Better Roads For A Better Minnesota'**	Governor Dayton and Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel announce the 'Better Roads for a Better Minnesota' infrastructure improvement program, noting Minnesotans will experience smoother rides on more than 700 miles of state highways under the plan. The four-year program, aimed at improving existing highways determined to be in 'poor' condition, will result in approximately 9,900 direct and indirect, private sector jobs across Minnesota.	[News Release] [Fact Sheet] [Statewide Map] [Metro Map]
5/5/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Modifying Standards For Local Ordinances**	This law changes the standard that a county, city or town must use in issuing a variance to a zoning ordinance. Counties, cities and towns	[News Release]

		may grant an ordinance when there are practical difficulties in complying with an existing zoning ordinance.	
5/9/11	**Governor Dayton Helps Secure Investment In High-Speed Rail**	U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announces Minnesota will receive $5 million in federal funds for the Northern Lights Express rail service. Minnesota applied for the funds in April, and Governor Dayton sent a letter to Secretary LaHood on 5/4/11 urging support and funding for the Northern Lights Express high-speed rail corridor. The Northern Lights express will be a high-speed intercity passenger service connecting Minneapolis to Duluth with 110-mph high-speed rail service.	[News Release]
5/10/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On President Obama's Speech On Immigration**	Following President Obama's speech on immigration, Governor Dayton releases a statement noting that he strongly supports the President's commitment to fixing the nation's broken immigration system, and saying that it is an economic imperative and moral obligation.	[News Release]
5/10/11	**Governor Dayton Secures Federal Disaster Declaration For Twenty Minnesota Counties**	Governor Dayton secures a presidential declaration of a major disaster from President Barack Obama for 20 Minnesota Counties affected by spring flooding. In an 4/20/11 letter to President Obama, Governor Dayton requested Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Clay, Grant, Lac qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lyon, McLeod, Nicollet, Redwood, Renville, Scott, Sibley, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin and Yellow Medicine counties be included in the disaster declaration after preliminary damage assessments revealed $10.864 million in costs and damages. All 20 counties requested by Governor Dayton are included in the disaster declaration.	[News Release]
5/13/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Law Enforcement Memorial Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Sunday, May 15, 2011, as Law Enforcement Memorial Day in Minnesota, in honor of those Peace Officers who have given their lives to protect the public.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/13/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Modifying Licensing And Bond Requirements For Well/Boring Contractors**	Clarifies and modifies licensing and bond requirements for well/boring contractors.	[News Release]
5/13/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Improving**	Seeks to improve safety by directing that the State Building code contain a	[News Release]

	Safety With Skylight Panels On Pole Barns	requirement that skylight panels used on pole barns and similar structures must be able to bear the same weight as the surrounding roof.	
5/13/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Relating To Nursing Facilities**	Makes three general changes to state law related to nursing facilities. First, the bill authorizes the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Commissioner to put nursing home beds on layaway status in the wake of a natural disaster and take them off layaway status as appropriate. Second, this bill sets up criteria and a process for MDH to make exceptions to the nursing home bed moratorium in "hardship areas." Third, the bill revises and clarifies MDH's process for determining budget-neutral nursing facility rates for relocated beds.	[News Release]
5/16/11	**Governor Dayton Makes Compromise Budget Offer To The Legislature**	Governor Dayton presents Speaker Zellers and Majority Leader Koch a letter asking them to meet him halfway on a budget compromise.	[News Release] [Letter]
5/18/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Impacting Financial Statement Requirements For Charitable Organizations**	Modifies certain financial statement requirements for charitable organizations; it changes the definition of "compensation" for the purposes of reporting requirements. Previously, fringe benefits and deferred compensation were included in the "compensation" reported; now the value of fringe benefits and deferred compensation will be reported as a separate item.	[News Release]
5/18/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Modifying Building Code Requirements For Elevators**	Modifies the compliance timeline for building code requirements related to elevators. Specifically, it creates an exception to the requirement that elevators not meeting building code safety requirements be taken out of service until modifications have been made to bring the device into compliance. The exception provides an alternative compliance timeline for modifying elevators.	[News Release]
5/18/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing Teachers To Take Early Retirement To Continue Coaching**	Allows teachers taking early retirement to continue coaching. It also extends the deadline for the Minnesota Department of Education to approve charter school authorizers from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.	[News Release]
5/18/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Increasing Criminal Penalties For**	Increases the criminal penalty for assaulting a vulnerable adult from a fifth degree assault to fourth degree assault, which is a gross misdemeanor.	[News Release]

	Assault Of A Vulnerable Adult	Under current law, a caregiver who assaults a vulnerable adult can be charged with a gross misdemeanor; this law will ensure that anyone who assaults a vulnerable adult will be prosecuted in the same way. The new law will also require individuals convicted of criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult to register on the predatory offender registration list. Additionally, it makes several minor changes regarding the role of state agencies in investigating, reviewing, and prosecuting maltreatment of vulnerable adults.	
5/19/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Redistricting Plans**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF1425 and HF1426, bills adopting legislative and congressional redistricting plans, which would take effect in 2012.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law To Collect Data On Health Coverage For People Under Age 22**	Requires the Department of Human Services to account for services provided to people under the age of 22 in Minnesota's public health care programs, including Medical Assistance and MNCare. Currently, this data is reported in aggregate and does not break down the expenditures for adults versus children. This change will provide valuable data the state can use to track and manage costs. This bill passed the Legislature with broad bipartisan support.	[News Release]
5/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing Drivers With Disability Certificates To Place Their Certificate Anywhere On Their Dashboard**	Eliminates a requirement that a disability certificate displayed on the dash board of a vehicle be placed on the driver's side. This law will allow people who use a disability certificate to place the placard on any part of the dash. It also amends an exemption from conviction for a violation of disability parking restrictions. The bill passed the Legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
5/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Making Technical Changes To The Uniform Commercial Code**	Makes a variety of technical and substantive changes in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Article 9 of the UCC deals with secured transactions; this bill modifies the existing statute to clarify filing issues and address other matters in Article 9. The bill passed the Legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
5/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Removing Certain Highways From**	Removes Trunk Highway 332, which runs between U.S. Highways 71 and 53 south of International Falls, from the	[News Release]

	The Trunk Highway System And Turning Them Over To The County State-Aid Highway System	trunk highway system and turn it over to the county state-aid highway system. This bill passed the Legislature with unanimous support.	
5/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing Local Governments To Purchase Or Lease Public Safety Equipment To Use Sole-Source Acquisition When Purchasing Used Equipment**	Authorizes local governments that are leasing or purchasing public safety equipment for fire departments to use sole-source acquisition (rather than putting out for bid) when acquiring used equipment, if there is clearly and legitimately only one source, and it is best to establish the price by direct negotiation. It also authorizes long-term leases for governments to acquire new or used equipment. This bill passed the Legislature with broad bipartisan support.	[News Release]
5/20/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Establishing The State Agency Value Initiative (SAVI)**	Establishes the state agency value initiative (SAVI) program, which allows 50% of unspent savings at the end of a biennium to be carried forward to the next biennium when the savings were the result of unanticipated efficiencies or innovation.	[News Release]
5/23/11	**Governor Dayton Visits North Minneapolis, Orders Assistance For Displaced Citizens**	Governor Dayton visits tornado-damaged neighborhoods in North Minneapolis with Mayor R.T. Rybak, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Congressman Keith Ellison, and other state and local elected officials. Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 11-16 to provide assistance for displaced citizens, in the wake of the severe weather that caused major damage in Minneapolis on May 22, 2011. Over 250 citizens are displaced by the damage to homes, power outages and natural gas leaks caused by the storm, and the city of Minneapolis requests the use of the National Guard Armory to provide shelter for those citizens. Governor Dayton orders the Adjutant General of Minnesota to order to state active duty any personnel and equipment of the Minnesota National Guard that are required to provide assistance in responding to the emergency and in providing emergency relief services. The Emergency Executive Order is	[News Release] [Executive Order]

		effective immediately, and will remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency.	
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Authorizing The Commissioner Of Administration To Convey Surplus State Land In Goodhue County To The City Of Red Wing**	Authorizes the Commissioner of Administration to convey surplus state land in Goodhue County to the City of Red Wing.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Which Allows Companies That Transport Docks And Boat Lifts To Purchase An Annual Permit**	Allows, but does not require, companies or individuals who transport oversized waterfront structures-such as docks and boat lifts-to purchase an annual permit to transport the structures. The cost of the annual permit will be $120, but companies or individuals may purchase a single-trip permit for $15, if that makes more sense in their situation.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Concerning Motor Vehicle Dealer Records And Registration**	Authorizes alternative sites for keeping motor vehicle dealer records, and modifies certain motor vehicle registration provisions. This bill passed the Senate with unanimous support, and the House with broad, bipartisan support.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing The Prairiecare Psychiatric Child And Adolescent Hospital In Maple Grove To Expand**	Allows the PrairieCare psychiatric child and adolescent hospital project in Maple Grove to expand from 20 beds to 50 beds. The bill exempts the expansion from laws requiring an additional public interest review to be conducted by the Minnesota Department of Health. The bill passed the Legislature with broad, bipartisan support.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Which Makes Modifications To Insurance Data Gathering**	Makes modifications to insurance data gathering and notification, and it also permits insurance appraisers providing services in Minnesota to be residents of states other than Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Which Create Criminal Penalties For The Sale And Possession Of Synthetic Drugs**	Creates criminal penalties for the sale and possession of synthetic marijuana and other synthetic substances. The bill also amends first- through third-degree controlled substance possession offenses so that the weight of bong water may not be used to determine the level of offense in cases where a person is accused of possessing a "mixture" that contains less than four fluid ounces of bong water.	[News Release]

5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Extending The Validity Of Driver's Licenses For Military Personnel Serving Outside Of Minnesota**	Under current law, active duty military personnel serving outside Minnesota have 90-days after leaving military service to renew their expired driver's license. This bill extends the period during which these licenses remain valid in these circumstances.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Providing Civil Immunity For School Districts In Certain Cases**	Provides civil immunity for school districts in cases involving the use of school facilities for recreational activities.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Clarifying Foreclosure Laws For Tenants In A Foreclosed Building**	Clarifies the application of foreclosure provisions for residential tenants in a foreclosed residential building.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing For Disability License Plates On Motorcycles**	Allows for a disability plate for motorcycles and clarifies statute to make clear that there is only one plate needed for motorcycles.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Making Technical Changes To The Regulation Of Financial Solvency Of Insurance Companies, And Modernizing Insurance Statutes**	Contains a variety of technical changes in state regulation of financial solvency of insurance companies. It also includes technical and housekeeping provisions updating and modernizing insurance statutes for effective compliance and consistency. The bill strengthens regulation applicable to insurers licensed in Minnesota by regulating life insurance and title insurance reserves and certain accounts and funding agreements.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing State Regulations To Recognize Labor Agreements For Professional Athletes**	Adds a subdivision pertaining to professional athletes under Minnesota's general workplace drug and alcohol testing regulations. The bill allows Minnesota's regulations to recognize labor agreements for professional athletes, which often have stricter drug policies.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Regarding Insurance Deductibles And Residential Roofing Contractors**	Strengthens, expands and clarifies an existing law that prohibits residential roofing contractors from proposing to pay the insurance deductible to the homeowner, in exchange for being hired to do the work.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Regarding Dental Provider Contracts**	Defines "dental provider contracts" as a contract that exists between a dentist or dental clinic and a dental insurer or third-party administrator. This bill requires 90 days notice of contract amendments requires explanation for clinic or dentist audits	[News Release]

		and restricts an insurer's ability to set provider rates.	
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Making Technical Changes In Real Estate Law**	Makes miscellaneous technical and minor substantive changes in real estate law, including mortgage foreclosure redemption period modifications, real property deeds to correct title clarification, residential purchase agreements cancellation authorization, attorney as agent for service modifications, and child support judgments effective date clarification.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Modifying Procedures For How State Agencies Respond To A Natural Disaster**	Modifies provisions in the state statute that lays out procedures for state agencies to assist communities in recovering from a natural disaster. It also modifies flood damage assistance provisions.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Regarding The Minnesota Geospatial Information Office**	Extends the expiration date of the advisory councils for the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office and revises slightly the appointment process of council members.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Requiring That More Information About Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Be Included In Driver Education**	Which establishes driving training and testing provisions on carbon monoxide poisoning. It mandates that the Department of Public Safety amend its administrative rules on driver education to include information about carbon monoxide poisoning, requires that carbon monoxide be included as a question on the driver's license knowledge test and also requires the department to include information on carbon monoxide in the driver's manual.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing Ambulance Services To Submit Claims Directly To The State**	Allows licensed ambulance services to submit claims directly to the state. Previously, claims were submitted to the state through the counties.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Authorizing Judges To Prohibit Juvenile Sex Offenders From Living Near Their Victims**	Allows juveniles certified as adults for certain criminal proceedings to be housed in secure juvenile detention facilities. It also authorizes judges to prohibit certain juvenile sex offenders from residing near their victims.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Adding A Public Libraries Representative To The Governor's Workforce Development Council**	Adds an individual representing public libraries to the Governor's Workforce Development Council as anon-voting advisor to the council. The new member will be appointed by the Governor.	[News Release]

5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Extending Civil Immunity To Certain Municipalities**	Extends civil immunity to municipalities that donate public safety equipment.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Revisor's Bill Into Law**	The Revisor's bill. It contains a number of technical corrections including: legislative enactments, erroneous, ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete references are corrected; redundant, conflicting and superseded provisions are removed; and miscellaneous corrections made to laws, statutes and rules. It passed the Legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Affecting Bingo Halls And Charities**	Reduces the percentage of gross profits that are required to be spent on lawful purposes, mainly donations to the charity, for bingo halls. The bill does not reduce the revenue to the state, but allows bingo halls to spend a higher percentage of their revenues on operating expenses.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Addressing Auto Insurance Coverage For Rented Vehicles**	Deals with auto insurance coverage of a rental vehicle, when the owner of a damaged vehicle needs a temporary replacement rental vehicle, which auto insurance covers under the insured's collision or comprehensive coverage. If an insurance company recommends a specific rental vehicle company, the insurance company must tell the insured that the insured has the right to choose the rental company.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Making Technical Corrections Concerning Targeted Misdemeanors**	A technical correction bill that clarifies that the term "targeted misdemeanor" includes a domestic abuse no contact order.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Allowing Driver's License Applicants To Donate To Public Information Efforts About Organ Donation**	Adds an option for driver's license applicants to donate $2 for public information and education about organ donation or anatomical gifts.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Making Felony Theft A Criminal Act Under The State's Racketeering Laws**	Expands the definition of "criminal act" under racketeering laws to include felony theft.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Creating Standards For**	Standardizes the period of time that pawnshops are required to hold merchandise that is pledged for 60 days and purchased for 30 days. These	[News Release]

	Pawnshops Holding Merchandise	changes supersede local ordinances. The bill also repeals the restriction that pawn shops cannot be located within a 10-mile radius of a casino. Local governments could still regulate distance through local ordinances.	
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Regarding Food Licensing Fees And Regulations At Public Swimming Ponds**	Makes permanent an exemption that public swimming ponds are exempt from certain food licensing fees and regulations.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Into Law Removing The Minimum Rates Charged To Employers For Interest On A Federal Loan To The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund**	Modifies unemployment insurance and workforce development provisions. The bill removes the minimum rate the DEED Commissioner must assess to employers to pay interest on a federal loan to the unemployment insurance trust fund. It also changes the treatment of sick and personal time off pay from delaying unemployment benefit payment process, in addition to making several housekeeping changes to the unemployment insurance program.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order Declaring A State Of Emergency Following Severe Weather In The Twin Cities**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 11-17, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Minnesota following the severe weather storms in the Twin Cities metropolitan area on Sunday, May 22, 2011.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Omnibus Liquor Bill, Including Provision For Surly Brewing Co.**	Governor Dayton signs the omnibus liquor bill, Chapter 55, HF 1326/SF 918, making several changes to current law. The bill is known as the "Surly bill" because it creates a new class of license, a brewer taproom license, which will allow Minnesota breweries, including Surly Brewing Company, to sell pints of their beer on-site. The new law will also allow bed and breakfast establishments to serve Minnesota produced beer. It will allow the issuance of on-sale licenses at racing tracks, and will allow an annual wine festival to serve customers. It will also allow for temporary licenses to farm wineries for on-sale at a county fair and will allow private nonprofit colleges to have liquor licenses.	[News Release]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Budget Bills, Calls For**	Governor Dayton vetoes the nine budget bills passed by the Republican legislature in the closing days of	[News Release] [Education Letter] [Environment Letter]

	Balanced Approach And Compromise	session, and returned the bills along with veto messages outlining areas of both agreement and concern. In his veto letters, Governor Dayton outlines the stark differences and the need for compromise.	[HHS Letter] [Higher Ed Letter] [Jobs Letter] [Public Safety Letter] [State Gov Letter] [Tax Letter] [Transportation Letter]
5/24/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On The Adjournment Of The 2011 Legislative Session**	After the Legislature adjourns the 2011 Legislative Session, Governor Dayton issues a statement expressing his disappointment that the Legislature without accomplishing a budget. The Governor calls for compromise on a fair, responsible, and balanced state budget.	[News Release]
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Harmon Killebrew Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, May 26, 2011, as Harmon Killebrew Day in Minnesota, in honor and remembrance of the Minnesota Twins legend and Hall of Famer.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Abortion Restrictions**	Governor Dayton vetoes two bills that would restrict medical decisions made between a woman and her doctor; Chapter 56, HF201, and Chapter 59, HF936	[News Release] [Veto Letters]
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Teacher Testing Bill**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 45, SF 170, a bill relating to teacher testing	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Forbidding Fire Sprinklers In Homes**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 47, HF 460, a bill forbidding the State Building Code, the State Fire Code, or political subdivisions from requiring the installation of anti-fire sprinklers in a new or existing single-family home.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Regulating Water And Sewer Charges**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 73, HF 562, a bill regulating water and sewer charges by manufactured home parks, and repealing the prohibition on air admittance valves.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Marriage Amendment Bill, Urges Minnesotans To Reject The Amendment At The Polls**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 88, SF 1308, an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution recognizing marriage as only a union between one man and one woman. The proposed amendment was sent to Governor Dayton as a bill, and under the Constitution, the Governor has the right to sign or veto any bill that is sent to him. Governor Dayton vetoes this bill, acknowledging that his veto will not stop the amendment from being placed on the ballot.	[News Release] [Veto Letter] [Revisor's Letter]

		Governor Dayton holds a news conference to discuss his action, and was joined by Lieutenant Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon, Senator Scott Dibble, and Representative Karen Clark.	
5/25/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On New Round Of Race To The Top Funding For Early Learning**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on a new round of Race to the Top federal funding for early learning. The statement declares Minnesota's intent to apply for the federal funding, including our efforts to secure statewide implementation of a quality rating system.	[News Release]
5/26/11	**Governor Dayton Calls For Bipartisan Election Reform; Issues Executive Order On Election Integrity And Vetoes Photo ID Legislation**	Citing Minnesota's already exemplary election system and the lack of broad bipartisan support, Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 69, SF509, a bill that would require voters to show photo identification before receiving a ballot. In an effort to develop a bipartisan solution, Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 11-18 on Election Integrity. The order will establish a Task Force on Election Integrity which will study and make recommendations to modernize the State's elections, including addressing how to prevent fraudulent and felon voting.	[News Release] [Veto Letter] [Executive Order]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Praises Sen. Klobuchar For Her Stillwater Bridge Legislation**	Governor Dayton issues a statement, voicing his strong support for Senator Amy Klobuchar's proposed legislation, which would authorize the Stillwater Bridge project to move forward.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Increasing Penalties For Assaulting Law Enforcement Reserve Officers, Postal Workers, And Utility Workers**	Establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for assaulting a law enforcement reserve officer. The same penalty will also apply to postal and utility workers. The bill also adds law enforcement reserve officers and their horses to a statute that creates criminal penalties for assaulting police horses.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Health And Human Services Chemical And Mental Health Policy Bill**	The Department of Human Services Chemical and Mental Health Services Agency policy bill. It is designed to align state statutes related to chemical and mental health with legislative changes made in recent years.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Expanding The Driver's License**	Extends and expands the driver's license reinstatement diversion pilot project that the legislature established in 2009. The program will be extended	[News Release]

	Reinstatement Diversion Pilot Project	to June 30, 2013 and expanded to allow counties to participate, in addition to cities. The program provides diversion driver's licenses to offenders who have had their licenses suspended and agree to pay their outstanding fees, fines and surcharges back in installments and meet other requirements required under law, or established in program guidelines.	
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Workers Compensation Advisory Council Bill**	The Workers Compensation Advisory Council agency bill. The bill adopts several recommendations made by the Workers Compensation Advisory Council and also appropriates $600,000 from the Workers Compensation Special Fund to pay for a new case management system in the Office of Administrative Hearings.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Requiring Young Athletes To Be Informed About The Risk Of Concussions, And Requiring Coaches To Remove An Athlete From Play If They Have Signs Of A Concussion**	Requires young athletes, up to the age of 18, participating in athletic activities in which a fee is paid, to have access to information about the nature, risk and effects of concussions. All participating coaches will be required to receive initial online training and online training at least once every three years. Coaches will be required to remove a youth athlete from participating in athletics when the youth exhibits symptoms consistent with a concussion.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Expanding The Use Of Echarging**	Expands the use of the statewide electronic charging service (eCharging) to include citations, juvenile adjudication and implied consent test refusal or failure.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Exempting Faith-Based Organizations From Licensing, Inspection, And Enforcement Of Food Safety Requirements**	Clarifies and creates several exemptions from the Minnesota Department of Health food safety licensing and inspection requirements. The bill exempts faith-based organizations, school concession stands and food service events following a disaster, from licensing, inspection and enforcement of food safety requirements. The bill puts in place new educational requirements for food workers at faith-based organizations, aimed at decreasing the likelihood of food-borne illness.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Exempting Certain Postsecondary Institutions From**	Exempts postsecondary institutions that provide student data to the Office of Higher Education, or other state agencies, from liability related to the	[News Release]

	Liability For Student Data Maintained By The State	use, destruction, or disclosure of the data by any of the public agencies or individuals having access to the data.	
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regulating The Processing Of Insurance Claims On Cell Phones**	Regulates the processing of insurance claims on portable consumer electronics products, such as cell phones. With respect to an automated claims adjudication system, it defines this type of computer system, which is designed to process insurance claims on portable electronics. It specifies that it must be used only by personnel permitted under state law to use it, comply with state insurance adjusting laws, and be certified by a licensed independent adjuster as complying with Minnesota law.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus Energy Policy Bill**	The omnibus energy policy bill. Noteworthy provisions include an exemption from the coal restrictions law to allow the Spiritwood coal plant in Jamestown, ND, to operate, modifications to the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) that will streamline the exemption application for large industrial users and provides exemptions for rural cooperative utilities, and a provision to extend site permits and certificate of need for an innovative coal plant to a natural gas plant at Excelsior Energy.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus State Lands Bill**	The omnibus state lands bill. This bill includes provisions authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands administered by the Department of Natural Resources and other provisions related to the administration of state land.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing The Recorder And Auditor-Treasurer To Be Appointed Positions In Kittson And Marshall Counties**	Allows Kittson and Marshall Counties to make the offices of recorder and auditor-treasurer appointed positions, subject to an 80 percent vote of the county board and reverse referendum. The new law allows the county board to adopt a resolution to make the offices elected again, but not until at least three years after the office was made appointed. The law is effective after approval by the local government.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Correcting A Clerical Mistake**	Corrects a clerical mistake in which a person did not receive the paperwork needed to pay their premium payments for the State Employee Group Insurance Program (SSEGIP).	[News Release]

5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Department Of Human Services Sex Offender Bill**	The Department of Human Services Sex Offender Agency bill, that makes several non-controversial changes related to MN Sex Offender Program (MSOP) statutes. The bill gives MSOP more authority to deal with security threats and to apprehend program escapees. It also differentiates several portions of MSOP law from other forms of civil commitment.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Making Changes To School Busing Regulations**	Clarifies that districts may provide to pupils attending an area learning center between-building bus transportation along school bus routes, when space is available. It also requires the Department of Education to develop and maintain a list of school bus training instructional materials, rather than a school bus safety training program, and expands the definition of transportation services for pupils with disabilities to include transportation for a curricular field trip activity on a school bus equipped with a power lift, when required by a student's disability.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week**	Establishes the third full week of September as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Gratuity Sharing**	Modifies the employment gratuity sharing provision in state law. The new law will remove the restriction against employer participation in gratuity sharing agreements by employees to allow employers to safeguard and disburse shared gratuities if requested to do so by employees, and to report amounts received as required for tax purposes.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Secretary Of State Business Services Housekeeping Bill**	The Office of the Secretary of State Business Services housekeeping bill. It consists of provisions that will streamline the administration of the office. Many of the provisions allow the office to provide email notices instead of mailing notices. Other provisions eliminate references to transactions that are no longer used.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus Environment Policy Bill**	The omnibus environment policy bill, which contains a collection of policy initiatives. Significant initiatives include: changes to how MPCA can permit aquatic pesticide applications, changes to the Wetland conservation	[News Release]

		Act, increased civil penalties for failure to comply with Aquatic Invasive Species laws, changes to the Lutsen Mountain water permit, elimination of the mandatory EAW for expansions of ethanol plants, among other provisions.	
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Making Updates To Laws Administered By The Department Of Commerce**	Contains a number of updates to laws administered by the Department of Commerce, relating to professional licensing, continuing education, health insurance, and worker's compensation self-insurance.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Display Of License Plates On Commercial And Noncommercial Pickups**	Establishes a distinction in registration and license plate display between commercial and noncommercial full-size pickup trucks.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Making Technical Changes To A Classification Formula For Reimbursing Nursing Facilities**	Makes technical changes to Minnesota's case mix classification formula that controls how nursing facilities are reimbursed for certain residents based on their level of need. The changes are technical, and conform to changes in federal law related to Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, the bill authorizes the state to enter into interstate contracts for detoxification services, and also makes technical changes to body art technicians and establishes a licensing process, with required coursework, operated through the Minnesota Department of Health.	[News Release]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Modified Eligibility For Representation By A Public Defender**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 94, HF 988, a bill that modifies who is eligible to be represented by a public defender.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Rolled Back Restrictions On CO^2 Emissions**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 96, SF 86, a bill which would roll back restrictions on carbon dioxide emissions by energy utilities.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes The "Cheeseburger Bill"**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 101, HF 264, the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, known as the "Cheeseburger Bill."	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes The Game And Fish Bill**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 111, SF 943, the Game and Fish bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/27/11	**Governor Dayton Requests Disaster Declaration**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to President Barack Obama requesting a major federal disaster declaration for Hennepin and Anoka Counties following the May 22 deadly tornado that struck the area.	[News Release] [Letter]

5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus Technical Tax Bill**	The omnibus technical tax bill. This bill includes several provisions related to economic development, including amendments to the Job Opportunities Building Zones (JOBZ) program, and the Angel Tax Credit Program, aimed at improving the existing programs.	[News Release]
5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Providing For Claims Against The State**	Provides for settlement of claims against the state. It also provides deficiency funding in the current fiscal year for several departments. Finally, it conforms the appropriations of the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services to the February 2011 forecast.	[News Release]
5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Property Owners To Detach Their Property From One Municipality And Annex It To An Abutting Municipality**	Allows for a property owner to detach their property from one municipality and annex to an abutting municipality with the support of at least one of the municipalities. Current law, enacted in 2006, requires resolutions from both cities for a property owner's petition to be successful. This new law restores and clarifies pre-2006 procedures.	[News Release]
5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus Judiciary Bill**	The omnibus judiciary bill, which includes a number of provisions. A large part of the bill is related to the construction of wills and trusts. The bill also addresses various issues related to the judiciary, based on recommendations from the Bar Association.	[News Release]
5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Expanding Gold Star License Plate Eligibility**	Expands Gold Star license plate eligibility to surviving legal guardians and siblings of a veteran who has died while serving honorably in active military service. Under current law, only the surviving spouse and parents of a veteran are eligible. The bill also includes a Deputy Registrar fee increase of $1.50 per transaction.	[News Release]
5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Vetoes The Education Policy Bill**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 114, HF 1381, the education policy bill, today. In the letter, Governor Dayton states "This bill prohibits the Commissioner of Education from adopting Common Core Standards, which 42 other states have adopted." In fact, the bill does not allow the Commissioner of Education to adopt Common Core Standards without legislative approval. Governor Dayton notes a number of provisions in the bill with which he agrees, but outlines a number of specific objections	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

5/31/11	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order 11-19 To Provide Assistance To North Dakota**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 11-19, to provide assistance for the State of North Dakota, in support of ongoing flood response operations. The order authorizes the Adjutant General of Minnesota to order to state active duty any personnel, equipment and resources of the military forces of the State that are required to provide assistance in responding to the emergency and in providing emergency relief services.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
6/3/11	**Governor Dayton And State Lawmakers Send Letter To Vikings Owners**	Governor Dayton joined Sen. Julie Rosen and Rep. Morrie Lanning in sending a letter to Vikings owners, reiterating their position on the state's role in developing a new stadium in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Letter]
6/6/11	**Peter Wattson, General Counsel, Announces Retirement**	After more than 40 years of service to the State of Minnesota, Peter Wattson announces his retirement.	[News Release]
6/7/11	**Hennepin And Anoka Counties Receive Federal Disaster Declarations**	Governor Dayton secures a major federal disaster declaration for Hennepin and Anoka Counties following the May 22 deadly tornado that struck the area.	[News Release]
7/8/11	**Governor Dayton Weighs In On Delta Air Lines' Decision To Move Some Operations To Atlanta**	Governor Dayton releases the following statement on Delta Airlines: "I am very disappointed in Delta Airline's decision to move some of the company's operations from Minneapolis to Atlanta, but Delta remains a premier Minnesota company, employing over 12,000 Minnesotans, and we will continue to value Delta's hub at MSP."	[News Release]
6/10/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement Regarding Notices Issued To State Employees**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding layoff notices issued to 36,000 state employees ahead of a possible state government shutdown.	[News Release]
6/13/11	**Governor Dayton Announces David Lillehaug As Special Counsel For Issues Related To A Possible Government Shutdown**	The Office of the Governor retains former U.S. Attorney David Lillehaug as Special Counsel to advise the Governor on issues relating to the potential government shutdown. Lillehaug's representation is limited to that subject and is pro bono (without cost to the state). He will not be acting as General Counsel or representing other state officers and agencies.	[News Release]
6/15/11	**Governor Dayton Files Response To The Petition Of Attorney General**	Governor Dayton files a response to the petition of the Attorney General in Ramsey County District Court, related to a possible government shutdown. It	[News Release] [Letter] [Exhibit A] [Exhibit B]

	Related To Possible Government Shutdown	includes a list of state services that should be continued in the event of a July 1st shutdown.	
6/15/11	**Governor Dayton Honors Sen. Linda Scheid**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the passing of Sen. Linda Scheid: "I deeply regret the passing of my good friend, Senator Linda Scheid. Linda and I served together in state government during three different decades. She was smart, hard-working, and independent. Linda always did what she believed was right and what was best for the people she served. She will be missed by all of us."	[News Release]
6/16/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Lowered To Half-Staff In Honor Of Specialist Emilio Campo, Jr.**	In honor of Specialist Emilio Campo, Jr., Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise to sunset on Friday, June 17, 2011, the day of his interment. Specialist Campo, aged 20, from Madelia, Minnesota, was killed on June 6, 2011, while serving in Baghdad, Iraq.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/16/11	**Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon Honors Sen. Linda Scheid**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon releases a statement on the passing of Sen. Linda Scheid: "I am deeply saddened at the loss of my dear friend and colleague, Senator Linda Scheid. I was privileged to share an office suite with her my entire nine years in the Senate. Linda worked tirelessly to find solutions to passing complex policy initiatives and craft workable legislation. She was a true champion at bridging the ideological gap, and was respected and admired by policy makers on both sides of the aisle. My thoughts and prayers go out to her sister and her sons and their families."	[News Release]
6/17/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Captain Darrell John Spinler**	In honor and remembrance of Captain Darrell John Spinler, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, June 18, 2011. Minnesota native Captain Spinler was killed in action on June 21, 1967, while serving the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/18/11	**Governor Dayton Announces He Will Not**	Governor Dayton issues a statement, announcing that, in the event of a	[News Release]

	Take A Salary During A State Government Shutdown	state government shutdown, he will not take a salary: "In the event of a state government shutdown, which I remain committed to doing everything possible to avoid, I think it would be terribly wrong for those of us responsible for it, the Republican legislators and myself, to receive our salaries while thousands of dedicated state employees have lost theirs."	
6/20/11	**Dayton Administration Refines Proposed List Of Critical Services To Expand Protection Of Life And Safety**	Governor Dayton announces he will file a supplemental response to the petition of the Attorney General in Ramsey County District Court that expands the list of critical human services that would be continued in the event of a government shutdown.	[News Release]
6/20/11	**Governor Dayton Supports Courts' Petition For Continued Funding**	Governor Dayton files a brief in Ramsey County District Court supporting the Minnesota courts' position that they should be funded in the event of a government shutdown.	[News Release] [Response]
6/20/11	**Minnesota Announces Intent To Appeal FEMA Denial Of Individual Assistance For Hennepin County**	Governor Dayton directs Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Kris Eide to appeal the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) denial for individual assistance for Hennepin County following the May 22 deadly tornado. On June 13, FEMA denied Minnesota's request for individual assistance to homeowners, renters and businesses affected by the tornado saying the damage from this event was not beyond the combined capabilities of the state, affected local governments and voluntary agencies.	[News Release]
6/20/11	**Press Secretary Katharine Tinucci Issues A Statement Following GOP News Conference**	Press Secretary Katharine Tinucci issues a statement following a GOP news conference. The statement notes that the Governor offered to meet the GOP half-way on a budget compromise, and urges Republican legislative leaders to listen to their constituents and offer a fair and balanced compromise budget proposal.	[News Release]
6/22/11	**Governor Dayton Joins In Attorney General Lori Swanson's Motion To Dismiss**	Governor Dayton joins the Attorney General in her Motion to Dismiss Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto in the case of Limmer v. Swanson, filed with the Minnesota State Supreme Court.	[News Release] [Motion to Dismiss]

6/23/11	**Governor Dayton Honors Two Minnesotans With Flags At Half-Staff**	In honor and remembrance of Lieutenant Harry Lester Bedard and Sergeant Ralph William Carlson, Governor Dayton has orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, June 25, 2011.	[News Release] [Bedard Proclamation] [Carlson Proclamation]
6/27/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Linda Scheid**	In honor and remembrance of Minnesota State Senator Linda Scheid, Governor Dayton proclaims Tuesday, June 28, 2011 "Linda Scheid Day" and orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. Linda Scheid served as a Minnesota State Representative from 1977 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1991, and as a Minnesota State Senator from 1997 to 2011.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/29/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On The Order Issued By Ramsey County Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin Regarding Essential Services**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the order issued by Ramsey County Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin: "While I am still reviewing Chief Judge Gearin's order, it appears that her order arrived at the same middle ground as my Administration, and essentially agreed with my list of critical services that must continue. I prepared that list based on my constitutional responsibility as Governor to protect the lives and safety of the people of Minnesota. I arrived at that list with a heavy heart, knowing full well the important role that government plays in the everyday success of Minnesota's citizens and businesses. Let me be clear: I would much prefer to find a fair and balanced budget solution, rather than a government shutdown. I am continuing to work toward a compromise needed to move forward."	[News Release]
6/30/11	**Governor Dayton Delivers Speech On Minnesota's Budget**	On the eve of a state government shutdown, Governor Dayton delivers a speech on Minnesota's budget; his desire to reach a balanced solution; and his commitment to continuing to work with Republicans to find that solution.	[News Release/Speech]
7/5/11	**Governor Dayton Seeks Continuation Of Critical,**	Following Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin's June 29th order allowing	[News Release]

	Core Functions Under Court Order	certain "critical core functions" of state government to continue, Governor Dayton identifies additional critical services to be provided during the shutdown. In a submission to Special Master Kathleen Blatz, Governor Dayton identifies additional categories of critical services, which he believes fit within the Chief Judge's order and should be continued.	
7/19/11	**Governor Dayton Issues A Proclamation Declaring A Special Session Of The Legislature**	Governor Dayton and Legislative Leaders sign an agreement outlining the terms of a special session to complete the budget. The Governor signs a proclamation calling the Minnesota Legislature into a special session beginning at 3:00pm.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Agreement]
7/21/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 11-23**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 11-23, declaring an emergency and providing for relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers operating in Minnesota. Under the order, carriers or drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting fuel to provide direct assistance for emergency relief from the extremely hot weather are exempted from regulations pertaining to hours of service.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
7/21/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Two Minnesota Servicemen**	In honor and remembrance of Master Sergeant Michael Charles Fastner, and Marine Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, July 22, 2011.	[News Release] [Fastner Proclamation] [Greninger Proclamation]
7/22/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Trade Mission To South Korea, Visit To Japan**	Governor Dayton announces plans to visit Japan and will lead a trade mission to South Korea (Republic of Korea) to help Minnesota companies build business relationships and increase exports to the Asian countries.	[News Release]
7/24/11	**Governor Dayton Writes Commentary On Ending The State Government Shutdown Through Compromise**	“The budget agreement I reached with Republican legislative leaders last week was a true compromise: no one was happy with it. However, after two weeks of the state government shutdown, I decided that someone had to take the initiative to resolve the stalemate. So, I did. After four days and nights of intense negotiations, the final agreement was not entirely what	[Commentary]

		I believed was best for Minnesota. However, I knew that it was the best option available to Minnesota. It achieved four top priorities … "	
7/25/11	**Governor Dayton Named To National Governors Association Executive Committee**	Governor Dayton is named to the National Governors Association (NGA) Executive Committee by NGA Chair Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman and NGA Vice Chair Delaware Gov. Jack Markell. The association is governed by the nine-member Executive Committee.	[News Release]
7/25/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Corporal James Norman Sund**	In honor and remembrance of Corporal James Norman Sund, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/25/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Senator Linda Berglin's Resignation**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on Senator Berglin's announcement of her resignation from the State Senate: "Senator Berglin has been one of the great leaders of the Minnesota Legislature for the last 39 years. I join with her many friends and admirers in thanking her for her dedicated service and her lasting contributions for the betterment of our state."	[News Release]
7/26/11	**Governor Dayton Calls Special Election**	Governor Dayton issues two writs calling for a special election to be held to fill the vacancies left by the passing of Senator Linda Scheid and the resignation of Senator Linda Berglin. The special election will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.	[News Release] [SD46 Writ] [SD61 Writ]
7/29/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags To Half-Staff In Observation Of Fourth Anniversary Of I-35W Bridge Collapse**	In honor and remembrance of the lives lost in the Interstate 35W bridge collapse four years ago, Governor Dayton orders U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol Complex, including state buildings, monuments, and grounds in proximity to and including the Minnesota State Capitol, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, August 1, 2011.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/1/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Deer Opener Will Be Held In Biwabik**	Governor Dayton announces the 2011 Minnesota Governor's Deer Hunting Opener will be held November 4-5 in Biwabik, in northeastern Minnesota. The event is coordinated by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association in cooperation with the Minnesota	[News Release]

		Department of Natural Resources and Explore Minnesota Tourism. It showcases Minnesota's tradition of deer hunting and its positive economic impact.	
8/2/11	**Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon Named To Leadership Of Nation's Lieutenant Governors Association**	Lieutenant Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon is re-elected to serve on the leadership committee of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). Prettner Solon will serve as the at large member from the Midwest on the NLGA Executive Committee.	[News Release]
8/6/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 11-24**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 11-24 to provide assistance for search and rescue efforts following an incident on August 2, 2011, when a 13 year-old boy was swept away by raging waters at a swimming area known as The Deeps within the Lester River Basin.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/8/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Minnesota Will Apply For Waiver From No Child Left Behind**	Governor Dayton announces that Minnesota will apply for the recently announced federal waiver from the current No Child Left Behind law. The Governor releases a statement noting that "any education reform in Minnesota must begin and end with what is best for our children."	[News Release]
8/10/11	**Governor Dayton Announces New Leadership For Early Childhood Learning**	Governor Dayton reaffirms his commitment to making quality early childhood education a priority for his administration, appointing 22 Minnesotans to the Early Learning Council and announcing that Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner of Health Ed Ehlinger and Commissioner of Human Services Lucinda Jesson will lead the Children's Cabinet.	[News Release]
	Governor Dayton Seeks Applicants To State Capitol Preservation And Sunset Advisory Commissions	Governor Dayton announces he is looking for dedicated individuals to serve as members of the newly created State Capitol Preservation Commission and the Sunset Advisory Commission. The State Capitol Preservation Commission will coordinate the restoration, protection, risk management and preservation of the Capitol building. The 22-member commission was included in the Legacy bill passed in the 2011 Special Session.	[News Release]
8/11/11	**Governor Dayton Announces First Annual**	Governor Dayton announces that the First Annual Governor's Pheasant	[News Release]

	Governor's Pheasant Opener To Be Held In Montevideo	Opener will be held October 14-15 in Montevideo, in Southwestern Minnesota. The event is coordinated by the Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Explore Minnesota Tourism. This is the first time a Minnesota Governor has participated in an official pheasant hunting opener.	
8/18/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Special Operator Second Class Nicholas Patrick Spehar**	In honor and remembrance of Navy SEAL Special Operator Second Class Nicholas Patrick Spehar, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, August 19, 2011.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/19/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 11-25**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 11-25 declaring an emergency and providing for relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers operating in Minnesota. The emergency situation arose following disruptions in petroleum refinery production, coupled with recent extremely hot weather and spring flooding, which caused a disruption in the normal supply of gasoline and diesel fuels in Minnesota. The Emergency Executive Order grants relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers, delivering to local gas stations and convenience stores across Greater Minnesota.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/23/11	**Governor Dayton Launches Statewide Tour On Getting Minnesota Back To Work**	As part of his ongoing commitment to get Minnesota working again, Governor Dayton announces he will kick off a statewide economic development tour starting in Fergus Falls. The tour is aimed at gathering the best ideas on job creation from Minnesotans and to highlight Minnesota's strong business climate and economic development opportunities. The Governor plans to do several stops, culminating in a statewide jobs summit in October.	[News Release]
8/23/11	**Governor Dayton Names Joyce Sutphen As Poet Laureate**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Joyce Sutphen as the Poet Laureate for the State of Minnesota. She will serve as the	[News Release] [Biography]

		primary spokesperson, supporter and promoter of poetry in the state.	
8/25/11	**Governor Dayton Charges Taskforce With Expanding Broadband Access Statewide**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 11-27, establishing the Governor's Task Force on Broadband and continuing his commitment to strengthening our state's infrastructure and fostering a strong business climate. The Task Force will be charged to expand broadband access in Minnesota. Dayton's stated goal is "border-to-border" high-speed internet and cell phone access throughout Minnesota.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/26/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Sergeant Matthew Allen Harmon**	In honor and remembrance of Sergeant Matthew Allen Harmon, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, August 27, 2011.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/1/11	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Announces Expansion Of Senior Linkage Line**	Furthering the Dayton administration's commitment to transparency and accessibility, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon announces the creation of the Senior LinkAge Line: A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors. The service will build on a legacy of providing Minnesota seniors with health care related information to include all government services, as well as to connect seniors with volunteering and employment opportunities in their communities.	[News Release]
9/2/11	**Dayton, Shellito Offer Support For Senator Parry's Proposal For Funding Military Honor Guards**	Governor Dayton and Veterans Affairs Commissioner Larry Shellito both express their support today for Senator Mike Parry's plan to secure in statute a permanent funding source for Minnesota Honor Guards' participation in the burials of veterans.	[News Release]
9/8/11	**Governor Dayton Responds To President Obama's Address To A Joint Session Of Congress**	Governor Dayton issues a statement in response to President Obama's address to a joint session of Congress, calling it "the best I have ever heard him deliver." The Governor urges Congress to act on the President's American Jobs Act.	[News Release]
9/8/11 9/9/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags To Half-Staff In Honor And Remembrance Of The Victims Of 9/11**	In observance of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until	[News Release] [Proclamation]

		sunset on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Governor also issues a lengthy statement describing his thoughts and memories of the events of 9/11.	
10/1/11	**Governor Dayton And Delegation Return From South Korea Trade Mission**	Governor Dayton returns to Minnesota, along with the delegation of Minnesota businesspeople, agriculture industry representatives, education and civic leaders, following the Governor's trade mission to South Korea. The trade mission to South Korea was the first under Governor Dayton's administration and was a productive mission to a country that is an important export partner and growth market for Minnesota.	[News Release]
10/6/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 11-29**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 11-29 to provide assistance to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center. This order is in response to a wildfire in Roseau County that is threatening property near Greenbush, Minnesota. The Emergency Executive Order authorizes the Adjutant General of Minnesota to order to state active duty any personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to support wildfire suppression in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
10/11/11	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Announces She Will Embark On Economic Development Mission To China**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon announces she will join lieutenant governors from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa and Nebraska on an economic development mission to China. The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) will host the mission October 14 - 20, 2011. Delegates will attend the Canton Trade Fair in Ghangzhou then travel on to meetings in both Shanghai and Beijing. From 2000 - 2010, China was the largest contributor to United States export growth of any major trading partner. In that period, exports to China grew 468% while exports to the rest of the world grew at an average of 55%.	[News Release]
8/12/11	**Governor Dayton Releases Statement On Metropolitan Council /Metropolitan Sports**	Governor Dayton thanks the commission for completing their analyses of a “People’s Stadium” ahead of schedule, noting it will provide essential information about	[News Release]

	Facilities Commission Report	the expected timelines and costs to prepare the site, build the stadium, and make necessary transportation improvements.	
10/17/11	**Breakout Sessions Announced For 2011 Job Summit**	Governor Dayton announces he will convene a statewide jobs summit on October 25th to address the issues facing our economy. The summit will feature two breakout sessions where attendees can choose from separate panels, each addressing a separate aspect of growing businesses and creating jobs. Each panel will last for 75 minutes, and the results of each conversation will be shared with the people of Minnesota.	[News Release]
10/19/11	**Governor Dayton Announces 2011 Job Summit Will Feature Innovation Hall**	Governor Dayton announces he will highlight growing Minnesota small businesses at his job summit in "Innovation Hall." Thirteen Minnesota businesses from various industries and parts of the state will display their companies' products and services for attendees at the event.	[News Release]
10/20/11	**Governor Dayton Launches "Better Government For A Better Minnesota" Initiative**	In a time of chronic budget deficits, rising health care costs, and increasing demand for government services, Governor Dayton announces progress on major reforms to reduce costs and improve government services, and outlined his administration's approach to government reform.	[News Release]
10/26/11	**Governor Dayton Announces $100 Million In New Funding For Small Businesses**	Building on the momentum from the statewide jobs summit, Governor Dayton announces that he will take immediate action to provide Minnesota job creators with access to funding by doubling the state's investment in small businesses through a Small Business/Banking Partnership.	[News Release]
10/28/11	**Governor Dayton Appoints Sen. Larry Pogemiller To Head The Office Of Higher Education**	Governor Dayton appoints Senator Larry Pogemiller as the new Director of the Office of Higher Education. Senator Pogemiller has been a leading voice in higher education issues through more than three decades of service in the Minnesota Senate.	[News Release]
10/31/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Task Force To Identify Ways To Provide Better Health Care At A Lower Cost**	Governor Dayton signs executive order 11-30, establishing a Vision for Health Care Reform in Minnesota. The order charges the Minnesota Health Care Reform Task Force, along with members of the Governor's Cabinet, to develop an action plan for	[News Release] [Executive Order]

		reforming how we deliver and pay for health care in Minnesota.	
11/1/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Vikings Stadium Talks**	Governor Dayton and the Leaders of the Republican and DFL Caucuses in the House and Senate reaffirm that there is not majority support in either body for an exemption from a voter referendum. Without such an exemption, the earliest either Ramsey County or the City of Minneapolis could conduct a referendum would be in conjunction with the November 2012 General Election.	[News Release]
11/7/11	**Governor Dayton Names 15 To Task Force On Broadband**	One week after hosting a Job Summit focused on strengthening Minnesota's infrastructure and fostering a strong business climate, Governor Dayton appoints 15 members to a Governor's Task Force on Broadband. The Task Force, which was established by Executive Order 11-27, will be charged with developing policies to promote the expansion of expand broadband access in Minnesota. Dayton's stated goal is "border-to-border" high-speed internet and cell phone access throughout Minnesota.	[News Release]
11/10/11	**Governor Dayton Proposes Expanding The GI Bill To Provide Veterans Access To Job Training**	As the Dayton Administration strives to get Minnesota working again, Governor Dayton proposes expanding the Minnesota GI Bill to provide thousands of Veterans access to new job training. The announcement is made with Minnesota Veterans Affairs Commissioner Larry Shellito. In addition to these efforts, Governor Dayton also announces that he will work with the legislature to provide permanent funding for the military honor guard program.	[News Release]
11/15/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order Calling For Union Election Among Child Care Providers**	In an effort to settle a dispute concerning the right of licensed family child care providers to organize to have a union represent them in their dealings with the State of Minnesota, Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 11-31, which calls for an election among licensed, registered, subsidized, family child care providers. The election will be conducted by the Bureau of Mediation Services, and will give affected providers the chance to vote by mail ballot.	[News Release] [Letter] [FAQs] [Executive Order]
11/16/11	**Governor Dayton Moves To Simplify Minnesota's**	Building on the Administration's success in streamlining the permitting	[News Release] [Fact Sheet]

	Environmental Review Process	process for businesses while preserving environmental protections, Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-32 today, ordering the Environmental Quality Board to conduct an assessment and deliver recommendations to improve Minnesota's complex environmental review process.	[Executive Order]
11/17/11	**Governor Dayton Announces Better Government For A Better Minnesota Award Winners**	Governor Dayton announces the first Better Government for a Better Minnesota award winners. When he took office in January, Governor Dayton made the continuous improvement of government services one of his administration's top priorities. These awards recognize the critical role that state employees have in building a culture of continuous improvement in state government.	[News Release] [Photo #1] [Photo #2]
11/22/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On State Government Shutdown Report**	Minnesota Management and Budget releases a report on the 2011 state government shutdown. Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the report: "I am grateful that the Report concludes there was no net cost to Minnesota taxpayers. Unfortunately, it also shows that the worst financial hardship fell upon state employees, who were involuntarily laid off. Minnesotans know that it was the Republican legislators' refusal to consider a reasonable and balanced solution, which caused the shutdown."	[News Release]
11/23/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Thanksgiving Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims November 24, 2011, as Thanksgiving Day in Minnesota, encouraging Minnesotans to give thanks for the blessing and joys in their lives, and for the continuing service of our heroic military men and women, law enforcement personnel, and their families, whose selfless sacrifices ensure the safety and freedom we cherish.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
11/23/11	**Governor Dayton Urges Renewed Negotiations At American Crystal Sugar**	The dispute between American Crystal Sugar and their workers leads to a lockout that is nearly four months old. Governor Dayton issues a statement on the continuing lockout, amid reports that American Crystal Sugar has begun hiring more replacement workers. The Governor calls for management to reach a fair agreement with its workers.	[News Release]

11/29/11	**Governor Dayton Directs Task Force To Address School Bullying**	To address the serious problem of bullying in our schools, Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 11-33, establishing the Governor's Task Force on the Prevention of School Bullying. This task force will be charged with examining the best practices and policies that currently exist to prevent bullying and providing future recommendations to the Governor and the legislature on this subject. Governor Dayton is joined at the announcement by Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, Public Safety Commissioner Mona Doman, Human Rights Commissioner Kevin Lindsey, Rep. Jim Davnie, Sen. Scott Dibble and anti-bullying advocate Tammy Aaberg.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
12/1/11	**Governor Dayton Responds To The November 2011 Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton issues a statement following the November 2011 Budget Forecast, calling it “terrific news for Minnesota.” The forecast shows an $876 million balance projected for FY2012-13. State law requires that any forecast balance be used to restore the state’s budget reserves.	[News Release]
12/5/11	**Governor Dayton Responds To District Court Ruling On Childcare Union Election**	Governor Dayton releases a statement after the Ramsey County District Court ruled on the Executive Order issued in November to hold a union election among home childcare providers: "I respect the decision of the Court today. I am pleased the Court was clear that I did not misuse my authority in issuing the Executive Order. I have asked to meet with the Attorney General to determine our next steps. I continue to believe that in a democracy, people should have rights to elections to determine their own destinies."	[News Release]
12/6/11	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, December 7, 2011, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Minnesota, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the more than 2,400 Americans who lost their lives in these attacks.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
12/15/11	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Senator Amy Koch’s Resignation Announcement**	Governor Dayton released a statement on the resignation of Senator Amy Koch: "I personally regret Senator Koch's decision to step down as Majority Leader of the Minnesota	[News Release]

		Senate and not to seek reelection. I have developed great respect for her during the past year of working together. She has been an excellent leader of her Caucus and, while we often disagree, a strong advocate for her beliefs. I wish Senator Koch my very best for her continued success in future endeavors."	
12/21/11	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Army Chief Warrant Officer Lucas Daniel Sigfrid**	In honor and remembrance of Army Chief Warrant Officer II Lucas Daniel Sigfrid, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Thursday, December 22, 2011.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/6/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Officer Shawn Schneider And WWII Hero Mike Colalillo**	In honor and remembrance of Police Officer Shawn Schneider and the last living Medal of Honor recipient in Minnesota Michael "Mike" Colalillo, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, January 7, 2012.	[News Release] [Schneider Proclamation] [Colalillo Proclamation]
1/11/12	**Governor Dayton And DFL Legislators Present Jobs Plan To Get Minnesota Back To Work**	Governor Dayton and DFL Legislators announce a plan that if passed by the legislature, will put thousands of Minnesotans back to work this year. The plan includes a number of proposals designed to provide incentives for businesses to hire out-of-work Minnesotans, invest in infrastructure and train workers for the jobs of the future.	[News Release] [Fact Sheet]
1/12/12	**Dayton Administration Seeks New Ways To Finance Better Highways, Transit Systems**	Governor Dayton directs Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel to establish the Commissioner's Transportation Finance Advisory Group. Noting that Minnesota's highways, roads, bridges and public transit systems have suffered decline, Governor Dayton seeks to reverse this trend, starting by gathering recommendations from Advisory Group.	[News Release] [Governor's Memo]
1/17/11	**Governor Dayton, USDA Secretary Vilsack And EPA Administrator Jackson Team Up On Groundbreaking Water Quality Certification Program**	Governor Dayton joins U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) committing the state and federal government to develop a new	[News Release]

		program that will enhance Minnesota's water quality by accelerating farmers' voluntary adoption of on-farm conservation practices.	
1/18/12	**Governor Dayton Establishes Minnesota Business First Stop**	As the Administration looks to the next steps in job creation, Governor Dayton establishes the Minnesota Business First Stop. This innovative, multi-agency workgroup will make it easier to do business in Minnesota, by connecting businesses with the resources they need in various state agencies. The Minnesota Business First Stop, which is facilitated by the Department of Employment and Economic Development, brings together Commissioners from the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Transportation, DNR, IRRRB, MPCA and DEED - all working toward a united goal of promoting business growth in Minnesota.	[News Release]
1/18/12	**Governor Dayton Issues His Analysis On Vikings Stadium Proposals**	Governor Dayton releases his analyses and conclusions on Vikings Stadium proposals in Arden Hills, Shakopee, and Minneapolis.	[News Release] [Governor's Analyses]
1/30/12	**Broad Group Of Stakeholders Issue Recommendations For Market-Based Insurance Exchange**	Governor Dayton stands with a broad coalition of consumers, businesses, insurers, and health care experts as they announce their recommendations to guide the development of a Minnesota-made health insurance exchange. A health insurance exchange is a competitive marketplace, including an online shopping tool much like Expedia.com, where consumers and businesses can compare and purchase high quality health insurance at competitive prices.	[News Release] [Task Force Recommendations]
1/30/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Senate Republicans' Rejection Of PUC Chair Ellen Anderson**	The Republican Senate rejects the confirmation of Public Utilities Commission Chair Ellen Anderson. Governor Dayton issues a statement praising Chair Anderson's public service, and notes that she was "wrongly maligned and cruelly rejected … by Republican Senators …"	[News Release]
1/31/12	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Black History Month In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims the month of February, 2012 to be Black History Month noting, "We must acknowledge and pay tribute to the generations of our citizens who struggled through adversity, risked their lives for justice, fought a fight that at times seemed	[News Release] [Proclamation]

		impossible to win, persevered, and continue to fight for equality and the American Dream."	
2/2/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Immortal Four Chaplains Day**	In observance of the 69th anniversary of the tragic sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester off the coast of Greenland, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, February 3, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/2/12	**Governor Dayton Taps Mayors For Advice On Tax Reform**	Governor Dayton announces he has asked a group of Minnesota Mayors to advise the administration in their efforts on tax reform. The Tax Reform Advisory Group for Local Government Aid (LGA) will review and discuss policy issues related to Local Government Aid, specifically on how to best pay for local services while holding local property taxes down. The work of this advisory group will directly support Governor Dayton's comprehensive tax reform proposal, which will be presented to the 2013 legislature.	[News Release] [Photo]
2/4/12	**Governor Dayton Posts Op/Ed In The Star Tribune Urging Legislators To Work Together To Create Jobs**	Governor Dayton pens an op/ed for the Star Tribune, urging state legislators to work together for job creation. He proposes: 1) a People's Stadium; 2) a bonding bill; and 3) a Jobs Now Tax Credit for businesses that hire unemployed Minnesotans, veterans, and recent college graduates. The op/ed also urges cooperation on government reform, and in the design and implementation of a state-based health insurance exchange.	[Governor's Op/Ed]
2/9/12	**Minnesota Is One Of The First States In The Nation To Receive A Waiver From The No Child Left Behind Federal Law**	In a major step toward real reform for Minnesota students, Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius joins President Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan in Washington for the announcement that Minnesota will receive a waiver from the requirements of the federal education law commonly known as "No Child Left Behind." The waiver will allow the state to begin implementing a more meaningful accountability system for Minnesota schools and give school boards flexibility to implement needed	[News Release]

		education reforms to improve education in Minnesota.	
2/9/12	**State Employees Give Back To Minnesota With Combined Charities Campaign**	The Minnesota State Employees Combined Charities Campaign presents their 2011 donations in support of Minnesota charities. The donations, totaling $842,639.13, will benefit 39 charitable federations working in communities across the state to support vital health, education, arts, and social service programs. The campaign consists of 2,320 state employees that chose to donate a portion of their paycheck towards a charitable organization via payroll deduction. Lt. Governor Prettner Solon, the honorary chairperson of the campaign, presents the 'big check' to ten federation representatives at an event in the Governor's reception room.	[News Release]
2/10/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Four Bills**	Governor Dayton vetoes Senate Files 149 (regarding conciliation court claim limits and class actions appeals), 373 (regarding limitations for many important civil claims), 429 (regarding attorney fees) and 530 (regarding interest rates on judgments for negligent parties and their insurance companies).	[News Release] [Veto Letters]
2/14/12	**Governor Dayton Launches Minnesota's Adopt-A-School Initiative**	Governor Dayton again asks businesses throughout Minnesota to take an active role in educating the state's youth by adopting a school. Standing with Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, Governor Dayton launches Minnesota's Adopt-A-School initiative, presenting the first awards to Parasole Restaurant Group, TE Connectivity and Intermediate School District 287.	[News Release]
2/15/12	**Governor Dayton Delivers His Second State Of The State Address**	Governor Dayton delivers his second State of the State address to a Joint Session of the Minnesota Legislature, laying out his vision for a better Minnesota. By stressing the need to make key investments to get Minnesota working again, Governor Dayton outlines a clear vision for future prosperity: 1) Invest in more jobs; 2) Invest in a stronger education system; and 3) Invest in reform of government services.	[News Release] [Remarks] [Guest Bios]
2/15/12	**Minnesota Mayors Praise Governor**	Following Governor Dayton's State of the State Address, Minnesota mayors	[News Release]

	Dayton's Vision For Economic Prosperity	spoke in support of his vision for economic prosperity in Minnesota.	
2/15/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Responds To Governor Dayton's State Of The State Address**	In response to Governor Dayton's State of the State Address this evening, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon issues a statement: "Tonight Governor Dayton showed again that his administration's priorities are Minnesota's priorities. The Governor is continuing to focus on what matters most to Minnesota families; creating good jobs, improving our education system, and building a better government."	[News Release]
2/15/12	**Takeaction Minnesota And Education Minnesota Respond To Governor Dayton's State Of The State Address**	TakeAction Executive Director Dan McGrath and Education Minnesota President Tom Dooher issue statements of support following Governor Dayton's State of the State Address.	[News Release]
2/15/12	**State Employees Join Governor Dayton's Call For Government Reform**	Following Governor Dayton's State of the State Address, leadership from the two largest state employee unions (MAPE President Jim Monroe and AFSCME Council 5 Executive Director Eliot Seide) praise his call for improving government services.	[News Release]
2/16/12	**Minnesota Workers Applaud Governor Dayton's Leadership**	Following Governor Dayton's State of the State Address, organizations representing working Minnesotans across the state applaud the Governor's leadership on jobs. Statements of support are issued by SEIU Health Care President Julie Schnell, John Raines, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, Minnesota Nurses Association President Linda Hamilton, and Minnesota AFL-CIO President Shar Knutson.	[News Release]
2/22/12	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill Requiring Teachers To Pass Basic Skills Exam**	Requires teacher candidates to pass a basic skills exam in order to receive a Minnesota teaching license. Current law requires Minnesota colleges and universities that offer a teacher preparation program to provide remedial assistance and academic support to teacher candidates that do not pass the basic skills exam.	[News Release]
2/23/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Republican Legislators' Proposal To Tie A "People's Stadium" To**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on Republican legislators' attempt to tie a "People's Stadium" to a proposal eliminating all property taxes on businesses. The Governor says he will	[News Release]

	Eliminating Business Property Taxes	not raise taxes on the people of Minnesota to build a new stadium.	
2/24/12	**Governor Dayton Announces Membership Of Task Force On The Prevention Of School Bullying**	Governor Dayton announces the members of the Governor's Task Force on the Prevention of School Bullying. Governor Dayton announced the establishment of this task force on November 29, 2011.	[News Release]
2/26/12	**Governor Dayton Elected Vice Chair Of Midwestern Governors Association**	Iowa Governor Terry Branstad is elected Chair of the Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) during its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Minnesota Governor Dayton is elected to serve as Vice Chair of the of association. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the MGA, which was formed in 1962 to foster regional development and coordinate public policy of significance to the region.	[News Release]
2/28/12	**Governor Dayton Names Edwin Van Petten Executive Director Of The Minnesota State Lottery**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Edwin Van Petten as Executive Director of the Minnesota State Lottery. Van Petten held the position of Executive Director for the Kansas State Lottery for 11 years.	[News Release]
3/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing A Voluntary Certification Program For Commercial Feed Producers**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF1926, which establishes a voluntary certification program for commercial feed producers.	[News Release]
3/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regarding Interscholastic Conference Membership For Minnesota Schools**	Relates to the Minnesota State High School League. The law reduces the time period during which a school must make a good faith effort to join an interscholastic conference before asking the Minnesota State High School League to arrange conference membership for the school.	[News Release]
3/1/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On The U.S. Congress' Approval Of The Stillwater Bridge Project**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on Congress's approval of the Stillwater Bridge project: "I am delighted to see this important project move forward; this new bridge is urgently needed. The project will put thousands of people in the construction industry to work. I am very grateful to the House Leadership for expediting the bill. Thank you to Congresswoman Bachmann, Senator Klobuchar, Governor Walker of Wisconsin Stillwater Mayor Harycki, and all of our partners on this project."	[News Release]
3/1/12	**Governor Dayton, Legislative Leaders, City Of Minneapolis, And**	Governor Dayton is joined by State Legislators, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Mark and Zygi Wilf of the	[News Release] [By the Numbers] [Financial Details]

	Minnesota Vikings Announce Agreement For People's Stadium	Minnesota Vikings, and business and labor leaders to announce an agreement to build a new "People's Stadium" on the Metrodome site. The new stadium will be publicly owned, support more than 13,000 jobs, require no general fund tax dollars, and keep the Vikings in Minnesota for the next 30 years.	[Term Sheet]
3/1/12	**Minnesota Workers Announce Their Support For The People's Stadium**	In response to the Governor's announcement that an agreement has been reached to build a people's stadium on the current Metrodome site, organizations representing working Minnesotans from across the state weigh in with their support for the plan which will put thousands of Minnesotans back to work. Statements are issued by: Harry Melander, President of the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council; Minnesota AFL-CIO President Shar Knutson; and John Raines, executive secretary-treasurer for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.	[News Release]
3/2/12	**Governor Dayton Submits An Op/Ed To Outdoor News Regarding The Fight Against Invasive Carp**	Governor Dayton submits an op/ed to Outdoor News regarding the fight against invasive carp. The op/ed describes work that is already ongoing to fight the spread of carp, and additional strategies that should be pursued to continue those efforts.	[Op/Ed] [Carp Action Plan]
3/3/12	**Governor Dayton Honors State Senator Gary Kubly**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the passing of Senator Gary Kubly: "I am deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Senator Gary Kubly. Gary was a dedicated public servant and an outstanding leader. He lived his life with quiet strength and principled dignity, as evidenced by the remarkable courage with which he faced his final illness. He is an inspiration to all of us, who knew and worked with him. I extend my deepest condolences to his devoted family."	[News Release]
3/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Law Enforcement To Sell Forfeited Arms**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1371, a bill authorizing law enforcement agencies to sell forfeited firearms to federally licensed firearms dealers.	[News Release]
3/5/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Make All Firearms Permits In**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF1467, a bill that would make all firearms permits in other states valid in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

	Other States Valid In Minnesota		
3/6/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Senator Gary Kubly**	In honor and remembrance of Minnesota State Senator Gary Kubly, Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, March 7, 2012 "Gary Kubly Day" and has orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/7/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Writ Of Special Election To Fill Senate District 20**	Governor Dayton issues a writ calling for a special election to fill the vacant seat in Senate District 20. The special primary, if needed, will take place on March 27, 2012, and the special election will take place on April 10, 2012.	[News Release] [Writ]
3/8/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Making Changes To Forfeiture Laws**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1240, a bill which makes various changes to forfeiture provisions.	[News Release]
3/8/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill That Makes Changes To Adult Basic Education Performance Tracking**	Makes changes to Minnesota's adult basic education performance tracking system, in order to comply with federal law.	[News Release]
3/8/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Change To Definition Of Public Employee**	Governor Dayton vetoes SF134, a bill which would change the definition of a public employee.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
3/9/12	**New Federal Grant Highlights Minnesota's Nation-Leading Education Reforms**	Governor Dayton announces that the State of Minnesota has won $28.2 million in new federal grant money to support high quality charter schools throughout the state. Minnesota is one of only three states to receive the Charter School Program Grant.	[News Release]
3/12/12	**Governor Dayton Releases His Supplemental Budget Proposal**	Governor Dayton unveils his Supplemental FY12-13 Budget proposal, which invests in jobs, provides needed resources for Police Officers and benefits to Veterans, and funds essential health care for the Minnesotans most in need. The Governor's $60 million supplemental budget is balanced and fiscally responsible, which is in line with his challenge to the Legislature to offset any new General Fund spending with revenues. The budget's highlights include: the Jobs Now Tax Credit; expansion of the Veterans GI Bill; reversing deep cuts in the Department of Human Services; and fighting the spread of invasive carp.	[News Release] [Closing Tax Loopholes Fact Sheet]

3/15/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Tort Liability Limits For Local Governments**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1183, which will restore state and local government tort liability limits to pre-2008 levels.	[News Release]
3/19/12	**Governor Dayton Proclaims March 20, 2012 Gopher Women's Hockey National Champions Day**	Governor Dayton proclaims, March 20, 2012 to be Gopher Women's Hockey National Champions Day, after the University of Minnesota Women's Hockey Team defeated the University of Wisconsin 4-2 in the NCAA Division I Women's Hockey 2012 Frozen Four championship game, earning them the distinction of being the NCAA Division I Champions for the year 2012.	[News Release]
3/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Late Fees Charged By Landlords**	Modifies provisions for late fees that may be charged by a landlord, and it also delays several effective dates related to eviction actions in certain circumstances.	[News Release]
3/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Real Estate Licenses**	Clarifies that real estate licensees who own and operate their own property can do so independent of their licensed real estate activities.	[News Release]
3/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Detachment Of Certain Properties**	Relates to procedures for detachment of property from a city which, if detached, becomes part of the unincorporated town.	[News Release]
3/20/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Transferred Authority In Contested Case Hearings From The Executive Branch To Administrative Law Judges**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF1560. This bill would have transferred final decision-making authority in contested case hearings from Executive Branch Agency Heads to Administrative Law Judges at the Office of Administrative Hearings.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
3/30/12	**Obama Administration And Great Lakes States Announce Agreement To Spur Development Of Offshore Wind Projects**	As part of President Obama's blueprint for an economy built to last, the Obama Administration joins with the governors of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will focus the efforts of key federal and state regulatory agencies to promote the efficient and responsible development of offshore wind resources in the Great Lakes. This effort underscores the President's commitment to American energy sources that will increase economic competitiveness, boost our energy independence, and create jobs. As part of the announcement, Governor Dayton notes that Minnesota is a national leader in wind energy, and that the state looks forward to	[News Release] [Fact Sheet] [Memorandum of Understanding]

		collaborating with others on offshore wind energy opportunities.	
3/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill That Changes Requirements For Defensive Driving Courses**	Governor Dayton signs in to law SF1542, a bill which modifies requirements for defensive driving refresher courses.	[News Release]
3/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill That Makes Changes To State Banking Laws**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1735, a bill which makes miscellaneous changes in state banking laws that apply to state-chartered banks.	[News Release]
3/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Receiverships And Assignments For The Benefit Of Creditors**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF382, a bill which modifies provisions for receiverships and assignments for the benefit of creditors.	[News Release]
3/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing School Textbook Aid To Include Software**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2078, a bill which expands the use of nonpublic school textbook aid to include software and other educational technology.	[News Release]
3/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Adult Basic Education Programs**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2291, a bill which modifies Adult Basic Education contact hours and defines service disruptions.	[News Release]
3/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Vehicle Combinations**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2793, a bill which expands the types of transport allowable for certain vehicle combinations.	[News Release]
4/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Reforming Environmental Permitting**	In a public bill signing, Governor Dayton signs SF1567 into law. He is joined by Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen, Senator John Carlson, Representative Dan Fabian, and Commissioners Paul Aasen and Tom Landwehr. The bill implements environmental permitting reforms.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Use Of Prone Restraint In Schools**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1917, a bill related to the use of prone restraint in schools.	[News Release]
4/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing For Out-Of-State Residential Mental Health Care For Kids**	Governor Dayton signs HF2253, a bill which allows out-of-state residential mental health treatment for children who are deaf and have additional special needs.	[News Release]
4/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Providing Timely Reimbursement To Vsos For Honor Guard Services**	Governor Dayton signs HF1903, a bill which allows Veterans Service Organizations to receive reimbursement for Honor Guard services in a timely manner.	[News Release]
4/2/12	**Governor Dayton Proclaims April Financial Literacy Month, Kicks Off**	Governor Dayton proclaims April to be Financial Literacy Month, launching a	[News Release]

	Statewide Outreach Efforts	calendar of events and tips for Minnesota consumers.	
4/3/12	**Governor Dayton Announces Savings Through Health Reforms**	Governor Dayton announces $73 million in health care cost savings to state and federal taxpayers, thanks to the voluntary 1 percent cap on profits agreed to in 2011 between Commissioner of Human Services Lucinda Jesson, HealthPartners, Medica, UCare, and BlueCross BlueShield. This unprecedented return of taxpayer dollars is the latest in a series of reforms to Minnesota's health care system, focused on providing better taxpayer value at a better price.	[News Release]
4/3/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing Minnesota's Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act**	Governor Dayton signs HF1384 into law, a bill amending Minnesota's Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act by changing the statute of limitations for clawbacks of fraudulent transfers to charitable organizations from six years to two years.	[News Release]
4/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Eligibility Requirements For The Positive Alternatives Grant Program**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2676, a bill modifying the Positive Alternatives grant program to allow additional organizations to become eligible for funding.	[News Release]
4/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs Jacob's Law**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2297, a bill otherwise known as Jacob's Law, which modifies parental notification requirements in cases of child abuse.	[News Release]
4/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus Department Of Corrections Policy Bill**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2084, the Omnibus Department of Corrections Policy Bill.	[News Release]
4/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To The Marketing Of Travel Insurance**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2069, a bill related to travel insurance, and how it may be marketed.	[News Release]
4/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Expanding Exemptions For Sump Pump Installation Licensing**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1993, a bill expanding sump pump installation licensing exemptions.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Providing Uniform Procedures For Civilian Review Authorities**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1981, providing for uniform procedures for police civilian review authorities.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying The Definition Of A Health Plan**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF1998, a bill modifying the definition of health plan to clarify its application to insurance companies not selling health insurance products.	[News Release]

4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing Concrete Slurry Disposal Regulations**	Governor Dayton signs HF2316, a bill which makes changes to concrete slurry disposal regulations.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Revising Township Mutual Insurance Law**	Governor Dayton signs SF1934 revising township mutual insurance law.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Expanding Eligibility For Buyers Of Junk Vehicles**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2273, a bill which expands eligibility for buyers to purchase junked vehicles.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Reporting Requirements For The Department Of Health's Provider Peer Grouping Program**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2237, a bill repealing 2011 session law related to MDH community benefit reporting requirements and making certain modifications to the MDH Provider Peer Grouping program.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Prohibiting Motor Carrier Contract Indemnity Provisions**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF1992, a bill prohibiting motor carrier contract indemnity provisions.	[News Release]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Staggered The Terms Of Metropolitan Council Appointees**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF2404, a bill which would have changed the appointments for Met Council members to staggered terms.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/5/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Used The State Budget Reserves To Buy Back Debt Owed To Minnesota School Districts**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF2083, a bill which would raid the state's budget reserves to buy back part of the remaining school funding shift.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/9/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Automated Drug Distribution Systems**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2626, a bill related to an automated drug distribution system in certain health care facilities.	[News Release]
4/9/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing Medicaid Reimbursement For Services Provided By Paramedics**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2060, a bill establishing Medicaid reimbursement for certain services provided by community paramedics.	[News Release]
4/9/12	**Governor Dayton Signs The Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association Policy Bill**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2216, a Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association policy bill.	[News Release]
4/9/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing County Attorneys And Assistant County Attorneys To Carry Firearms On Duty**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF1829, a bill authorizing County Attorneys and Assistant County Attorneys to carry firearms while on duty, under the terms of a valid, state-issued, permit to carry. Later, on 4/12/12, Governor Dayton is joined	[News Release]

		for a ceremonial signing event by House author Representative Tony Cornish and county attorneys from around the state.	
4/9/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Related To Successor Liability In Asbestos Cases**	Governor Dayton vetoes SF1236, a bill related to successor liability in asbestos cases.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/9/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 12-02**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 12-02, ordering the Adjutant General of Minnesota to order to state active duty such personnel and equipment necessary to assist in the efforts to control the fire near Nimrod, Minnesota. Two Minnesota National Guard UH-60 "Blackhawk" helicopters with aircrew, maintenance and fuel support teams are sent to assist with fire suppression.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Break Requirements For Truck Tractors And Pickup Trucks**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2394, a bill modifying break requirements for implements of husbandry, like truck-tractors or pickup trucks pulling an implement.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing Laws Related To The Theft Of Motor Fuel**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2333, a bill making changes to laws related to the theft of motor fuel.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Clarifying Requirements For Vehicle Title Bonds And Title Issuance**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2187, a bill which clarifies the requirements related to vehicle title bonds and title issuance.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Creating A Felony For The Neglect Or Abuse Of Vulnerable Adults**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1586, creating a felony crime for the neglect or abuse of vulnerable adults. The Governor signs this bill in a public signing ceremony.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regarding Design-Build Contracting For Local Government Projects**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2131, a bill related to the design-build contracting program for local government projects.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To The Accrediting Process For Child Care**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1621, a bill related to the child care accrediting process.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing An Alternative Process For Foreclosures Of Timeshare Properties**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2184, a bill establishing an alternative foreclosure method for timeshare properties.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing A Right**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1815, a bill establishing a right of	[News Release]

	Of First Refusal For Utilities And Electric Transmission Owners	first refusal for Minnesota utilities and electric transmission owners regarding transmission lines connecting to their own facilities.	
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Creating A Temporary Guest License For Volunteer Dentists**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1553, a bill creating a temporary guest license for dentists and other allied professionals who want to provide volunteer services in Minnesota.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Dentists To Be Reimbursed Through Medicaid For Volunteer Services**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1626, a bill allowing dentists who are not Medicaid providers to volunteer at a nonprofit clinic and the clinic can be reimbursed through Medicaid.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regarding Safety Measures For Window Cleaning**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1964, a bill including window cleaning safety measures in the state building code.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Repealing A Child Support Judgment Law That Was Never Implemented**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2114, a non-controversial bill repealing a law related to child support judgments that was never implemented.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Eminent Domain Proceedings**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1620, a bill related to determining relocation assistance eligibility for individuals affected by eminent domain proceedings.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing Property Casualty Insurance Laws**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1875, a bill amending two laws dealing with property casualty insurance.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Private Employers To Provide Veterans And Their Spouses Hiring Preference**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1599, a bill permitting any private employer to grant hiring preference to veterans and their spouses.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs The Revisor's Bill**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2060, the Revisor's bill, making miscellaneous corrections to laws, statutes and rules.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing The Date Of Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1492, a bill which changes the date of Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day to be observed on the last Sunday in September.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying The Health Professional Loan Forgiveness Program**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2360, a bill which makes a technical modification to health professional loan forgiveness program, ensuring eligibility for a number of applicants	[News Release]

		who would otherwise lose their financial aid.	
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Veterans' Employment Protections**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1689, a bill related to veterans' protections under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act (USERRA).	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To The Emergency Medical Services Board**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2128, a non-controversial technical Emergency Medical Services Board bill. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Sale And Possession Of Firearm Silencers**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF1816, creating a narrow exception to the prohibition on the sale and possession of firearm silencers.	[News Release]
4/18/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Licensing Requirements For Antique Vehicles**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2239, related to motor vehicle license titling and license plate requirements for antique vehicles. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Renewable Development Fund Expenditures**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2181, a bill related to Renewable Development Fund expenditures.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Licensure And Training Requirements For Social Workers**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF753, a bill making technical changes to the licensure and training requirements for licensed social workers in Minnesota.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Providing A Process For Removing A Manufactured Home**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF1416, a bill providing a process for legally unaffixing a manufactured home from real property.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Concerning The Jurisdictions Of Anoka And Washington Counties' Housing And Redevelopment Authorities**	Governor Dayton signs into law HF2132, a bill related to the jurisdiction and authority of the Washington and Anoka Counties Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Expanding The List Of Offenses That Are Considered 'Gang Activity'**	Governor Dayton signs in to law SF1123, expanding the list of offenses that constitute "gang activity" to include unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Making Technical Updates To Unemployment Insurance Law**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2224, a DEED agency bill, making federal conformity changes and technical and housekeeping updates to unemployment insurance.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Nonmembers Of The**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF2271, a bill authorizing the Commander-in-Chief of the Minnesota	[News Release]

	Military To Receive Recognition For Their Services To Support The State's Military Forces	National Guard to issue suitable marks of distinction to nonmembers of the military forces of the State for distinguished service or support to the military forces of the State.	
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Agricultural Property Classification**	Governor Dayton signs into law SF396, a bill related to the classification of agricultural property.	[News Release]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Related To Child Care Union Dues**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF1766, a bill related to the deduction of union dues from Child Care Assistance Program payments	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/20/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Prohibit The Education Commissioner From Enforcing Unadopted Rules**	Governor Dayton vetoes SF2183, a bill which would prohibit the Commissioner of Education from enforcing unadopted rules.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Child Support Agreements With Bermuda**	Governor Dayton signs into law Chapter 204, House File 795, directing the Department of Human Services to create a new reciprocal child support enforcement agreement with Bermuda. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To The State Employee Gainsharing Program**	Chapter 205, House File 1850, increasing the limit of the award for the state employee gainsharing program.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing Staff Development Revenue Allocation And Prioritizing CPR Instruction A Part Of 7-12 Grade Curriculum**	Chapter 206, House File 2506 changing the school district staff development revenue allocation structure in current law, and also requiring school districts to provide onetime CPR instruction as a part of their 7-12 grade curriculum beginning in the 2014-15 school year.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill That Encourages School Districts To Assist Students In Developing Transition Plans For Their Futures**	Chapter 207, Senate File 1073, strongly encourages school districts to assist students to develop transition plans into postsecondary education or career. The bill also strongly encourages school districts to have an adequate student-to-counselor ration beginning in the 2015-16 school year.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Removing Voter List Data Limitations For Court Jury Selection**	Chapter 208, Senate File 2379, removing a limitation on voter list data received by courts for jury selection. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Authoring District Money Deposit Investments**	Chapter 209, House File 2174, authorizing district money deposit investments and providing designated depositories. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]

4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Extending 'Intent To Retaliate' Penalties On Individuals Targeting Sheriffs, Deputies, Or County Recorders Because Of Their Occupation**	Chapter 210, House File 2373, extending an existing five-year felony penalty to include a crime committed with intent to retaliate against a sheriff, deputy sheriff or county recorder because of that person's duties in connection with a sheriff's sale or filing of liens regarding real property.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Permitting Law Enforcement Officers To Take Fingerprints From Arrested Offenders**	Chapter 211, House File 2160, a Department of Public Safety Agency Bill, permitting law enforcement officers to take fingerprints from offenders arrested for any offense if the fingerprints are needed to resolve a file that is in suspense.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Provisions For Public Defenders**	Chapter 212, Senate File 1678, modifying provisions for public defenders. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing New Limitations On Pharmacy Auditing Practices**	Chapter 215, House File 1236, establishing new limitations on pharmacy auditing practices conducted by a pharmacy benefits manager.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Children And Family Services Policy**	Chapter 216, Senate File 1675, a Department of Human Services policy bill, related to children and family services policy, adoption reform, child support, child care, child safety and MFIP provisions modifications.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Enacting A Compromise For The Construction Of New Radiation Oncology Facilities**	Chapter 217, Senate File 248, enacting the compromise agreement on the construction of new radiation oncology facilities.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Harassment Restraining Order Provisions**	Chapter 218, House File 738, modifying harassment restraining order provisions, and also requiring the Department of Corrections to post a notice on the DOC website 30 days before a hearing where the Commissioner is considering the release of an offender who committed the murder of a peace officer or corrections officer. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Requiring A New Deputy Registrar's Office Be Opened**	Chapter 219, House File 1175, requiring a new deputy registrar's office be opened in the Elko New Market Library in Scott County.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The**	Chapter 220, House File 1813, requiring the Commissioner of Administration to make available by	[News Release]

	Commissioner Of Administration	September 1, 2012, a list of eligible contractors that can assist agencies to reorganize in specified ways.	
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Correcting A Previous Legislative Oversight Relating To Criminal Vehicular Operation**	Chapter 222, House File 2246, a Department of Public Safety agency bill correcting a legislative oversight that results from the 2007 reorganization of the criminal vehicular operation statute. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Harassment Restraining Order Laws**	Chapter 223, House File 469, making changes to the harassment restraining order law, providing that an application for a restraining order may be filed in the county of residence of either party, or in the county where the alleged harassment occurred. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Repealing The Mandatory Retirement Age For Administrative Law Judges**	Chapter 224, House File 2614, repealing the mandatory retirement age for Administrative Law Judges. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Debt Collector Laws**	Chapter 225, House File 2335, making miscellaneous changes to debt collector laws.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Municipal Grants For EMS Service Agencies**	Chapter 226, House File 2861, allowing municipal grants for EMS services agencies.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill That Expands The Definition Of Qualified Domestic-Violence Related Offenses**	Chapter 227, House File 2149, expanding the definition of qualified domestic-violence related offense to include the crime of female genital mutilation committed against a family member. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Clarifying Accreditation Requirements For Imaging Services Providers**	Chapter 228, House File 2276, clarifying accreditation requirements for advanced diagnostic imaging services providers. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Correcting A Previous Error Relating To Presumptive Sentences On The Sex Offender Grid**	Chapter 229, Senate File 2464, correcting a minor error in the calculation of presumptive sentences on the Sex Offender Grid. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To The Veterans Preference Law Reform Agency Initiative**	Chapter 230, Senate File 2316, related to the Veterans Preference Law Reform Agency Initiative. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]

4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Veterans Preferences**	Chapter 231, Senate File 2354, related to a veterans preference in appointments to classified service in state government. This bill passed with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Department Of Corrections Annual Claims Bill**	Chapter 232, Senate File 2112, the annual claims bill for the Department of Corrections.	[News Release]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Requiring Local Government Employers To Actively Approve Or Withdraw From Their Insurance Program**	Chapter 213, Senate File 247 requiring local government employers to approve participation in or withdrawal from the Public Employees' Insurance Program.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/23/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Authorizing The Department Of Administration To Contract For Waste Hauling**	Chapter 214, House File 1812, authorizing the Department of Administration to contract for waste hauling without first determining whether there are state employees able and available to do the work.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/24/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Requiring State Government To Use A Federal E-Verify Program**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF1976, a bill which would require the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state government to use the federal E-Verify program for all newly hired employees.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/26/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Imposed New Licensure Requirements On Abortion Clinics**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 233, Senate File 1921, which would impose licensure requirements only upon clinics where abortions are performed.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Strengthening Consumer Protection**	Chapter 234, House File 2173, a Department of Labor and Industry agency bill, related to consumer protection.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Liquor Laws**	Chapter 235, Senate File 2392, the omnibus liquor bill, including a provision that will allow the University of Minnesota to serve alcohol at TCF Bank Stadium.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Authorizing The Sale Of Tax Forfeited Lands**	Chapter 236, House File 1750, the annual Department of Natural Resources lands bill, authorizing the sale of certain tax forfeited lands.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Providing A Community Energy Tech Assistance Grant**	Chapter 237, House File 2731, providing a $500,000 grant to provide community energy technical assistance and outreach.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Changing Portions Of The Administrative Rulemaking Process**	Chapter 238, Senate File 1922, making miscellaneous changes to the administrative rulemaking process.	[News Release]

4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Education Policy**	Chapter 239, House File 2949. This bill includes several noteworthy provisions, including a requirement that school districts pay teachers who are on military leave their full salary-under current law, districts reduce teacher pay to offset substitute teacher costs. The bill also includes an expansion of PSEO to include students in grade 10 to take career and technical courses at the University of Minnesota and MnSCU, among other provisions.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Updating Statutory Controlled Substance Schedules**	Chapter 240, House File 2508, updating the statutory controlled substance schedules so that they match the controlled substance schedules maintained by the Board of Pharmacy. The bill also modifies the definition of synthetic cannabinoids and enhances the penalties for selling such substances.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Authoring Administrative Law Judges To Perform Marriages**	Chapter 241, House File 2447, authorizing administrative law judges to perform marriages.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Removing Voter Participating Requirements**	Chapter 250, Senate File 2296, removing the requirement that a voter must date the back of a return envelope of an absentee ballot. The bill makes other minor changes to current election law.	[News Release]
4/27/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Limited Union Employees' Collective Bargaining Power**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 245, House File 1974, which would undermine contracts and make unilateral changes to the collective bargaining process.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Campaign Finance And Public Disclosure Board**	Chapter 251, Senate File 2334, modifying certain reporting requirements to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.	[News Release]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Services Policy**	Chapter 253, House File 2627, which includes various non-controversial human services policy items.	[News Release]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Requiring Mndot To Include The Bid Preference Program For Veteran-Owned Small Businesses**	Chapter 254, Senate File 1597, requiring MnDOT to implement the bid preference program for veteran-owned small businesses competing for state contracts for construction-related professional and technical services. This bill passed both bodies with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Insurance**	Chapter 255, Senate File 2342, modifying auto insurance claims	[News Release]

		practices and medical treatment solicitation provisions. This bill passed both bodies with unanimous support.	
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Board Of School Administrators**	Chapter 257, Senate File 2535, making minor changes to the statute governing the Board of School Administrators. This bill passed both bodies with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Required Additional Physician Presence For Abortion Services**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 252, House File 2341, which would require physicians to be physically present when abortion-inducing drugs are administered.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Created A Health Care Compact**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 256, Senate File 1933, a bill creating a health care compact.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Not Have Provided Necessary Protections For Senior Citizens**	Governor Dayton has vetoed Chapter 261, House File 1134, a bill relating to annuity products regulation.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
4/30/12	**Governor Dayton Holds A Signing Ceremony For The HHS Omnibus Bonding Bill**	Governor Dayton holds a signing ceremony for House File 2294, the Health and Human Services (HHS) omnibus budget bill, which restores $18 million in funding for some of the essential HHS services that were cut as a part of the 2011 budget compromise.	[News Release] [Photo] [AUDIO: Governor Dayton] [AUDIO: Representative Abeler]
5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Appoints John Linc Stine To Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**	John Linc Stine is appointed to lead the Minnesota Pollution Agency.	[News Release]
5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing An Advisory Committee On Capitol Area Security**	Chapter 258, House File 1607, establishing an Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security and authorizing the Minnesota State Patrol to provide security and protection to Supreme Court Justices, legislators and Constitutional Officers (other than the Governor) for a limited period, in response to a credible threat on the individual's life or safety.	[News Release]
5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Insurance Sales Provisions**	Chapter 259, House File 2638, modifying portable electronics insurance sales provisions. This bill passed the legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Clarifying Real Estate Licensure Requirements**	Chapter 260, House File 2705, clarifying real estate closing agent licensure requirements.	[News Release]
5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Satellite System Contractors**	Chapter 262, Senate File 2324, related to satellite system contractors and installers licensure and regulation.	[News Release]

5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing An Education Pilot Project**	Chapter 263, Senate File 946, establishing a pilot project for school districts to share resources and provide innovative education programs and activities.	[News Release]
5/1/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Legacy Bill**	Chapter 264, Senate File 2493, the Legacy Bill, modifying certain provisions and appropriations to the outdoor heritage fund, clean water fund, arts and cultural heritage fund, parks and trails fund, and environment and natural resources fund.	[News Release]
5/1/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Launches Virtual Volunteer Networking Center, SHARE Minnesota**	To kick off Older Americans Month, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon announced the launch of SHARE Minnesota, part of the One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors and administered through the Senior LinkAge Line and Minnesota Board on Aging.	[News Release]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Requests Applicants For Mnscu Board Of Trustees**	Governor Dayton asks for applicants to serve as members of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees. The Board governs the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and its related property in an effort to meet the needs of students for occupation, general, baccalaureate, and graduate education.	[News Release]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Allowing Background Checks On Individuals Purchasing Explosives**	Chapter 266, House File 2046, a Department of Public Safety agency bill that permits law enforcement to access the Department of Human Services civil commitment database for a background check when an individual applies for a permit to purchase explosives.	[News Release]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Damaged Motor Vehicle Filing Logistics**	Chapter 267, House File 2136, modifying when damaged motor vehicles must have a salvage title and where a disclosure of vehicle damage is required. This bill passed the legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Minnesota's Integrated Resource Planning Laws**	Chapter 268, Senate File 2098, providing for alternative compliance with the state's Integrated Resource Planning law for some cooperative electric associations in Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Creating A Registry For Dental Laboratories Through A National Organization**	Chapter 269, Senate File 288, creating a registry for dental laboratories through a national dental laboratory organization and restricts Minnesota-licensed dentists to only using a registered dental laboratory under this system.	[News Release]

5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs The Omnibus Higher Education Bill**	Chapter 270, Senate File 1573, the omnibus higher education bill.	[News Release]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Modifying House District Boundaries**	Governor Dayton vetoed Chapter 265, House File 2821, a bill modifying House district boundaries in Senate districts 39 and 49.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/2/12	**Governor Dayton Issues An Emergency Executive Order Providing Resources For The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Drill And Exercise**	Today, Governor Dayton issued Emergency Executive Order 12-03, providing personnel and equipment for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Drill and Exercise.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton On The Upcoming People's Stadium Vote**	Governor Dayton releases a statement asking all Minnesotans who care about the stadium to contact their legislators and urge them to vote "Yes" on its creation.	[News Release]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Extending Advisory Councils For The Department Of Human Services**	Chapter 271, Senate File 1679, a non-controversial bill to extend several Department of Human Services advisory councils beyond their 2012 sunset dates.	[News Release]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regulating The Spread Of Aquatic Invasive Species**	Chapter 272, House File 2164, an environmental policy bill that among other things, makes changes to help control the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), and streamlines and coordinates water management and water planning in Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Establishing An Online Learning Advisory Council**	Chapter 273, Senate File 1528, establishing an Online Learning Advisory Council, and encouraging online courses for students.	[News Release]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Game And Fish**	Chapter 277, House File 2171, the game and fish bill.	[News Release]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Issues An Executive Order That Supports And Strengthens The Implementation Of The State's Wetlands Policy**	Executive Order 12-04 establishes a process for stakeholders to assess and recommend action regarding how to maintain the State's goal of "no net loss of wetland."	[News Release] [Executive Order]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Created A New System To Implement Public Educator Layoffs**	Chapter 274, House File 1870, related to Last-In, First Out (LIFO).	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Required Legislative Approval For Agency Rulemaking**	Chapter 275, House File 203, a bill that would require legislative approval for agency rulemaking.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

5/3/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Authorized Using Trust Accounts For Paying Health Insurance Premiums**	Chapter 276, House File 8, a bill that would authorize the use of premium trust accounts for the purpose of paying health insurance premiums.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Sunset Advisory Commission**	Chapter 278, House File 2555, containing the legislative recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission.	[News Release]
5/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regulating Equestrian Racing Medication**	Chapter 279, House File 2795, regulating the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications in race horses and also allowing simulcasting of horse races to tribal casinos and expanded card play at the state's two race tracks.	[News Release]
5/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Clarifying The Definition Of Public Data Relating To Public Money**	Chapter 280, House File 2647, clarifying the definition of public data relating to agreements involving payment of public money. This bill passed both bodies of the legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
5/4/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Appropriating Funds To The Office Of The Secretary Of State**	Chapter 282, House File 2269, appropriating funds to the Office of the Secretary of the State, pursuant to the Help America Vote Act.	[News Release]
5/4/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Required Legislative Approval For State Academic Standards**	Chapter 281, Senate File 1656, a bill which would require legislative approval of state academic standards and graduation requirements.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/4/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Reduced The Budget Reserve And Added To The State Deficit**	Chapter 285, House File 2337, the Omnibus Tax Bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/7/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Army Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut**	In honor and remembrance of Army Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, the day of Sergeant Dickhut's interment. Sergeant Nicholas M. Dickhut was 23 years old and a 2007 graduate of Sewartville High School. He enlisted in the United States Army in 2008, stationed first at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington, and served his first deployment in Iraq.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

5/7/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Increasing The Limit For Conciliation Civil Claims**	Chapter 283, Senate File 506 into law. This new law will increase the limit for conciliation court civil claims.	[News Release]
5/7/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Modified The State Building Code**	Chapter 284, Senate File 1717, a bill modifying the State Building Code, and amending statutes related to licensing and independent contractors.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/9/12	**Governor Dayton Appoints Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner**	John Linc Stine is selected to lead the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Disrupted The Process Of Collective Bargaining**	Chapter 291, Senate File 1755, a bill relating to state employee layoffs.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Pensions**	Chapter 286, Senate File 1808, the omnibus pension bill.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation Policy**	Chapter 287, House File 2685, the omnibus transportation policy bill.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Economic Development**	Chapter 288, House File 1721, containing several provisions related to economic development, including the authorization of demolition loans, establishment the office of small business advocate in the Business Assistance Center and authorization of the city of Albert Lea to establish an industrial sewer charge rebate program.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Eliminating Funds Transfers**	Chapter 289, Senate File 1983, eliminating any construction code fund transfer to the general fund, appropriating funds from the fire safety account and making additional changes to the fire safety account. This bill passed with unanimous support from both bodies of the legislature.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Data Practices**	Chapter 290, Senate File 1143, the omnibus data practices provisions bill.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Aligning Appropriations Amounts With Forecast Spending Levels**	Chapter 292, House File 2967, the annual forecast bill, aligning appropriation amounts with forecast spending levels. The bill includes several funding items, totaling just over $2 million, many of which are from the governor's supplemental budget proposal.	[News Release]
5/10/12	**Associate Justice Meyer Retires**	Governor Dayton releases a statement thanking Associate Justice Meyer for her service	[News Release]

5/11/12	**Governor Dayton Signs The 2012 Bonding Bill**	Governor Dayton signed House File 1752, the Omnibus Bonding Bill.	[News Release]
5/14/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Several Tax-Related Provisions**	Chapter 294, House File 2690, providing $4.1 million of property tax relief to homeowners, who experience increases greater than 12%.	[News Release] [Bill Letter]
5/14/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Provisions For Independent Contractors**	Chapter 295, Senate File 1653, modifying provisions for independent contractors, and includes other initiatives from the Department of Labor and Industry.	[News Release]
5/14/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Correcting Legislative Enactments**	Chapter 298, Senate File 1420, a Revisor's bill that makes several technical corrections to legislative enactments.	[News Release]
5/14/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Authorizing The New Vikings Stadium**	Chapter 299, House File 2958, the Vikings Stadium authorization bill.	[News Release]
5/14/12	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill That Would Have Increased Future Budget Deficits**	Chapter 296, House File 247, the omnibus tax bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/24/12	**Governor Dayton Honors Civil War Soldiers**	Governor Dayton joined Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, Representative Dean Urdahl and other Members of the Governor's Civil War Commemoration Task Force to recognize their efforts to honor the service of Minnesota Civil War soldiers. The Task Force was established last year by Governor Dayton to help Minnesotans remember the service of over 18,000 Minnesotans who served in the Civil War.	[News Release] [Photo]
5/24/12	**Governor Dayton Rejects A Proposed Bill That Would Have Codified One Uniform Approach To Handling Parent Custody In Court**	Chapter 297, House File 322, a bill that would increase the parenting time presumption in the case of divorce or separation.	[New Release] [Bill Letter]
5/25/12	**Minneapolis City Council Votes On The People's Stadium**	Governor Dayton releases a statement thanking Minneapolis City Council members for approving the People's Stadium.	[News Release]
5/25/12	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Memorial Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton has proclaimed Monday, May 28, 2012 to be observed as an official Minnesota State holiday.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/30/12	**Governor's Residence Celebrates 100 Years**	In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Minnesota Governor's Residence, the Governor's Residence will host six public tours during the summer months in June, July and August. The 100th Anniversary of the Minnesota	[News Release]

		Governor's Residence is a yearlong celebration that will also feature special events, commemorative projects, and signature initiatives to extend well beyond the anniversary.	
5/30/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order Relating To Legal Mergers**	On June 1, 2012, the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis will merge with several organizations to create Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance. The Executive Orders issued today designate Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance as the entity to provide legal assistance to people with disabilities.	[News Release] [Exec. Order 12-05] [Exec. Order 12-06] [Exec. Order 12-07]
5/31/12	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Death Of Meg Bye**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the death of Meg Bye, expressing his condolences and thanking her for her dedication to all Minnesotans.	[News Release]
6/6/12	**Governor Dayton Appoints Public Utilities Chair Commissioner**	Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger is selected to chair the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).	[News Release] [Photo]
6/8/12	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order Declaring A Peacetime Emergency**	Following severe thunderstorms and rainfall amounts in excess of seven inches in Carlton and St. Louis Counties, Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 12-08. The Emergency Executive Order authorizes the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, to provide the assistance necessary to respond to and recover from the emergency.	[News Release] [Emergency Exec. Order]
6/11/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Honors Ninth Annual Red Wagon Award Recipients**	The Red Wagon Awards recognize and celebrate outstanding youth leadership and civic engagement throughout the state. Recipients are nominated for their civic engagement and service, academic achievements, and exemplary leadership.	[News Release]
6/11/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Lieutenant William E. Swanson**	In honor and remembrance of Navy Lieutenant William E. Swanson, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/15/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Leads Health Care Delegation To Berlin**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon will lead a delegation of health care policy experts from Minnesota and Washington, DC, to Berlin June 17-23, for a week-long seminar that examines health care policy and compares the US and German health care systems.	[News Release]

6/19/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Army Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs**	In honor and remembrance of Army Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, the day of Specialist Jacobs interment.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/20/12	**Duluth Experiences Heavy Flooding**	Governor Dayton issues a statement of support for those affected by flooding in Duluth and announcing his visit to discuss ways to assist with local leaders.	[News Release]
6/20/12	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order Providing Flooding Assistance To The City Of Duluth**	EO 12-09, providing state assistance in response to flooding in Duluth and the surrounding region.	[News Release] [Emergency Exec. Order]
6/22/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Marine Corporal Taylor J. Baune**	In honor and remembrance of Marine Corporal Taylor J. Baune, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, June 25, 2012, the day of Corporal Baune's interment.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/23/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Returns Early To Duluth**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon will leave the 'German American Health Care Summit' early and return home to flood damaged Duluth late Sunday night.	[News Release]
6/25/12	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order Providing Fire Relief To The City Of Marshall**	Emergency Executive Order 12-10 is issued in response to an apartment fire in the City of Marshall, which displaced about 19 residents. The Emergency Executive Order directs the Minnesota National Guard to support the Red Cross sheltering operations for displaced residents staying at the National Guard Armory in Marshall.	[News Release] [Emergency Exec. Order]
6/26/12	**Governor Dayton Announces Safety Improvements For Highway 14**	Governor Dayton announces a three-phase safety strategy for a troubled stretch of U.S. Highway 14 in south central Minnesota. The strategy includes immediate action to improve safety and a commitment by MnDOT to expand the highway to four lanes from North Mankato to Nicollet.	[News Release]
6/28/12	**The Supreme Court Rules To Uphold The Affordable Care Act (ACA)**	Governor Dayton releases a statement praising the ruling and reiterating the need to continue to increase access to health care in Minnesota.	[News Release]

6/28/12	**The Supreme Court Rules To Uphold The Affordable Care Act (ACA)**	Human Services Commissioner Lucinda Jesson, Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman, and Health Commissioner Ed Ehlinger release a joint statement affirming their support for the ACA.	[News Release]
7/3/12	**Governor Dayton Is Nationally Recognized For His Consistently Firm Support Of Education As By The National Education Association's Representative Assembly**	At a meeting of the National Education Association's Representative Assembly in Washington, D.C., NEA President Dennis Van Roekel announces Governor Dayton is this year's recipient of the America's Greatest Education Governor Award. The annual award recognizes and honors governors who have made major, state-level education strides that improve public schools.	[News Release]
7/11/12	**Governor Dayton Proclaims July "Hire A Veteran" Month**	Governor Dayton officially proclaims July 2012 "Hire a Veteran Month."	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/13/12	**Governor Dayton Releases His Tax Returns**	Governor Dayton releases his 2011 federal and state tax returns, for which he had received filing extensions. Governor Dayton reported federal taxable income of $264,532. He paid $65,378 in federal income taxes, for an effective federal tax rate of 25%.	[News Release] [Tax Return]
7/17/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon To Attend The NLGA Annual Conference**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon will attend the National Lieutenant Governor's Association annual conference from July 18-20 in Chicago, Illinois. Lt. Governor Prettner Solon will participate in policy discussions with Lt. Governor's from across the country and is set to moderate a panel discussing options to increase access to healthy food alternatives in low-income areas.	[News Release]
7/19/12	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement**	Governor Dayton clarifies a former statement made previously mistakenly comparing professional football players' experiences to veterans'	[News Release]
7/20/12	**Governor Dayton Honors Victims Of Colorado Shooting**	As a sign of respect for the victims of the tragic shooting in Aurora, Colorado on Friday, July 20, 2012, Governor Dayton signs proclamation ordering all flags at state buildings in Minnesota be lowered to half-staff until sunset on July 21, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/26/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill To Fight Synthetic Drugs**	In a ceremony, Governor Dayton signs HF 2508. The bill was originally signed into law in April 2012. The bill enhances current law in regard to the	[News Release] [Photo]

		growing problem of synthetic drug production and use in Minnesota.	
7/26/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Is Re-Elected To NLGA Executive Council**	Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon has been re-elected to serve on the Executive Council of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association. Lt. Governor Prettner Solon was re-elected unanimously to serve as the Midwest Region, Democrat-at-Large member of the association.	[News Release]
7/31/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags To Half-Staff In Observation Of Fifth Anniversary Of I-35W Bridge Collapse**	In honor and remembrance of the lives lost in the Interstate 35W bridge collapse five years ago, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/9/12	**Governor Dayton Honors Victims Of Shooting In Oak Creek, Wisconsin**	As a sign of respect for the victims of the tragic shooting in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on Sunday, August 5, 2012, Governor Dayton signs a proclamation ordering all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on August 10, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/10/12	**Flood Assistance For Northeastern Minnesota Is Denied By FEMA**	Governor Dayton receives notification from FEMA that the agency has denied the governor's appeal for aid for individuals and businesses as they recover from flooding in Northeastern Minnesota.	[News Release] [FEMA Letter]
8/16/12	**150th Anniversary Of The U.S.-Dakota War Of 1862**	Governor Dayton releases a statement recognizing, remembering, and reconciling the past violence of the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.	[News Release]
8/20/12	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New Minnesota Supreme Court Judge**	Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright is appointed to the position of Associate Justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court.	[News Release] [Photo]
8/21/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Is Named To NLGA Committees**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon will Co-Chair the State Strategies in Energy-Exploratory Committee, and is reappointed as a member of the International Committee.	[News Release]
8/22/12	**Governor Dayton Calls A Special Session For Disaster Relief**	Governor Dayton and Legislative leaders sign an agreement outlining the terms of a special session to address the disastrous flooding in Northeast Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Special Session Agreement] [Bill Agreement]
8/24/12	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill For Disaster Relief**	Governor Dayton signs the disaster relief bills in a Special Session of the Minnesota State Legislature.	[News Release]

9/4/12	**First Day Of The 2012-2013 School Year**	Governor Dayton welcomes Minnesota students back to school.	[News Release]
9/10/12	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Patriot Day And A Day Of Service And Remembrance**	In observance of the 11th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton has ordered all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Tuesday, September 11, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/13/12	**DEED Awards Capital Grants**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) announces $47.5 million in competitive business development grants that will fund nine economic development projects statewide. These targeted investments will put an estimated 2,000 Minnesotans to work on projects of regional and statewide significance.	[News Release]
9/25/12	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Salutes Our Troops In Tandem Skydive**	In a show of support for the men and women who serve our nation in uniform, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon jumps from an altitude of 12,500 feet and fell at a rate of 120 miles per hour before making a safe landing on the lower mall of the Minnesota State Capitol grounds.	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo]
9/27/12	**Governor Dayton: Working For Minnesota Jobs**	Governor Dayton will travel statewide to identify both opportunities for future economic growth and barriers to that growth in key sectors of Minnesota's economy.	[News Release]
9/27/12	**Minneapolis Bryn Mawr Shooting**	Governor Dayton releases a statement condemning gun violence and extending condolences to the affected families.	[News Release]
9/28/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Sergeant Kyle B. Osborn**	In honor and remembrance of Sergeant Kyle B. Osborn, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, September 29, 2012, the day of Sergeant Osborn's interment.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/29/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags To Half-Staff In Observation Of The National Fallen Fighters Memorial Service**	In honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 30, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

10/2/12	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order Providing Needed Resources To Northwest Minnesota's Wildfire Suppression Efforts**	Emergency Executive Order 12-11 provides the personnel and equipment necessary to support wildfire suppression in Northwest Minnesota. Two Minnesota National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters with aircrew, maintenance and fuel support teams were sent to assist the ongoing efforts.	[News Release] [Emergency Exec. Order]
10/2/12	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Urge Minnesotans To "Own Your Future"**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Prettner Solon launch their "Own Your Future" campaign, which is a state-federal partnership urging Minnesotans to plan for the services they will need as they grow old.	[News Release]
10/6/12	**The King And Queen Of Sweden Visit Minnesota**	Governor Dayton hosts a reception for King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden and 150 guests at the Governor's Residence.	[News Release] [Photo]
10/11/12	**Minnesota Department Of Education Reduces Copious Paperwork**	Governor Dayton congratulates the state Department of Education (MDE) for reducing excessive paperwork on Minnesota's special education teachers. The reduction will enable educators to spend much less time filling out forms and much more time in the classroom teaching children with special needs.	[News Release] [Photo]
10/18/12	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New DEED Commissioner**	Katie Clark is appointed to the position of Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).	[News Release]
10/30/12	**Halloween At The Governor's Residence**	Governor Dayton invites all ghouls, goblins, and vampires to celebrate Halloween at the Governor's Residence-if you dare. The gates of the Governor's Residence will be open from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Governor Dayton will be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters from approximately 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.	[News Release] [Photo]
11/1/12	**New Mndot Acting Commissioner**	Following the announcement that Tom Sorel will resign as commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation to become the President of AAA Minneapolis, Governor Dayton appoints Bernie Arseneau to serve as acting commissioner.	[News Release]
11/13/12	**Wilf Brothers Letter**	Governor Dayton writes Vikings' owners Mark and Zygi Wilf over his concerns over the team's behavior.	[News Release] [Letter]

11/20/12	**Governor Dayton Kicks Off Thanksgiving Week In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton, joined by Commissioner of Agriculture Dave Frederickson, Minnesota's Turkey Growers Association (MTGA), and Hunger Solutions Minnesota, host a press conference to kick off Thanksgiving week in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Photo]
11/21/12	**Holiday Season At The Governor's Residence**	To celebrate the holiday season, the Governor's Residence will be open for public tours on November 27, December 4, 11 and 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day.	[News Release]
11/30/12	**Cold Springs Police Department Loss**	Governor Dayton sends his condolences to the police officer who was fatally shot while in the line of duty: "Cold Spring Police Officer Tom Decker was senselessly murdered last night, while acting in the line of duty. On behalf of the people of Minnesota, I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and to the Cold Spring Police Department for their tragic loss of an outstanding officer, father, and friend. Officer Decker died, while protecting his fellow citizens. For his heroism, we will be forever grateful."	[News Release]
12/4/12	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Officer Thomas Decker**	In honor and remembrance of Police Officer Thomas "Tommy" Decker, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
12/5/12	**2012 November Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton releases a statement commenting on the 2012 November Budget Forecast.	[News Release] [Audio]
12/7/12	**State Employees Reforming Minnesota Government**	Governor Dayton recognizes more than 50 state employees from ten state agencies for outstanding achievements that have reformed state government and saved Minnesota taxpayers millions of dollars.	[News Release]
12/10/12	**Delivering Results: Two Years Toward A Better Minnesota**	Governor Dayton reflects on the progress made on Building a Better Minnesota during the past two years.	[News Release]
	Delivering Results: Governor Dayton Working To Ensure Minnesotans Are Healthy	Governor Dayton reflects on the progress made in Minnesotan's health goals during the past two years.	[News Release] [Summary]
12/12/12	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New Mndot Commissioner**	Charlie Zelle is appointed to the position of Commissioner of the	[News Release] [Photo]

		Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).	
12/13/12	**Delivering Results: Governor Dayton Working To Support Strong And Stable Families And Communities**	Governor Dayton reflects on the progress made in supporting strong families and communities during the past two years.	[News Release]
12/14/12	**Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting**	Governor Dayton releases a statement strongly condemning the school shooting in Sandy Hook, Connecticut, and offers his condolences to loved ones affected. Flags are lowered at half-staff.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
12/17/12	**Delivering Results: Governor Dayton Working To Help Keep Minnesotans Safe**	Governor Dayton reflects on the progress made in keeping Minnesotans safe during the past two years.	[News Release] [Summary]
12/18/12	**Delivering Results: Governor Dayton Working To Support A Clean, Healthy Environment With A Sustainable Use Of Our Natural Resources**	Governor Dayton reflects on the progress made in supporting a clean and sustainable environment.	[News Release] [Summary]
12/19/12	**Delivering Results: Working To Provide Sustainable Options To Safely Move People, Goods, Services, And Information**	Governor Dayton reflects on the progress made in creating sustainable methods of transportation.	[News Release] [Summary]
1/8/13	**Writs Of Special Election: House District 14A And House District 19A**	Governor Dayton issued two writs calling for special elections to fill the vacant seats in House District 14A and in House District 19A. The special primaries, if needed, will take place on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, and the special elections will take place on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.	[News Release] [Writ of Special Election: 14A] [Writ of Special Election: 19A]
1/10/13	**Environmental Permitting Efforts Streamlined**	The Dayton Administration announces new measures to redouble environmental permitting, further establishing the goal of delivering some permits within 90 days or less.	[News Release]
1/15/13	**Mayo Clinic And Optum Partnership**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the Mayo Clinic, Optum partnership.	[News Release]
1/20/13	**Dayton, Thissen, Bakk: Time To Move Minnesota Forward Together**	Governor Dayton, Representative Thissen and Senator Bakk co-write an Op/Ed for the Pioneer Press.	[News Release]
1/22/13	**Budget For A Better Minnesota**	Governor Dayton releases a budget proposal focused on improving the lives of Minnesotans through major investments in education, new	[News Release]

		initiatives for a stronger economy, and a fair tax system.	
1/24/13	**Pinnacle Airlines**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the Pinnacle Airlines announcement to choose Minnesota as the location of their corporate headquarters.	[News Release]
1/28/13	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 13-01**	Governor Dayton establishes a sub-cabinet to develop and implement a comprehensive Olmstead Plan for Minnesota, which supports the freedom of choice and opportunity to live, work and participate in the most inclusive setting for individuals with disabilities.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
1/31/13	**Governor Dayton To Lead Trade Mission To Germany, Sweden And Norway**	Governor Dayton announces he will lead representatives from Minnesota businesses and organizations on a trade mission to Germany, Sweden and Norway on June 12-21, 2013.	[News Release]
2/1/13	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Immortal Four Chaplains Day**	In observance of the 70th anniversary of the tragic sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester off the coast of Greenland, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, February 3, 2013.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/1/13	**Wendell R. Anderson Day**	Today is the 80th birthday of Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota from 1971 to 1976. Governor Anderson served his state and nation with distinction in civic, community, and political office for over 50 years, including service as a United States Army Infantry Officer from 1956 to 1957.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/1/13	**State Partners With Health Providers To Deliver Better Care At A Lower Cost**	Governor Dayton announces a new reform initiative that will provide better health care for 100,000 Minnesotans and lower costs for taxpayers.	[News Release] [Report]
2/6/13	**Governor Dayton's State Of The State Address**	Governor Dayton releases his 2013 State of the State Remarks, as prepared for delivery.	[News Release]
2/6/13	**Minnesota Responds To The State Of The State Address**	Leaders from around Minnesota lauded the Governor for his State of the State vision.	[News Release]
2/11/13	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New Head To The Public Utilities Commission**	Nancy Lange is appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.	[News Release]
2/15/13	**40th Anniversary Of Troop Exchange Between**	For 40 years, members of the Minnesota National Guard and the	[News Release]

	Minnesota National Guard And The Norwegian Home Guard	Norwegian Home Guard have participated in an exchange program that promotes good will, improves cultural understanding, and sharpens military readiness between our two nations.	
2/19/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Labor Logistics**	Chapter 2, SF 58, a bill ratifying state labor agreements and compensation plans.	[News Release]
2/19/13	**State Expands Health Coverage For 35,000 Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton signs legislation that will provide access to quality health care coverage for an additional 35,000 low-income adults.	[News Release]
2/20/13	**250,000 Minnesotans Benefit From Fairer, Simpler Taxes**	Governor Dayton signs legislation (HF6/SF119) that will extend key tax benefits for 250,000 teachers, college students, homeowners, businesses, senior citizens, and other Minnesotans.	[News Release]
2/20/13	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Officer Josh Lynaugh**	In honor and remembrance of Police Officer Josh Lynaugh, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset, on Friday, February 22, 2013.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/21/13	**Minnesota Receives $45 Million Grant To Expand Nation-Leading Health Reform Initiative**	The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) announced Minnesota as a winner of $45 million in state Innovation Model funding. Minnesota was one of six states to receive the highest level of award.	[News Release]
2/22/13	**Dayton Administration Adds Reform Measures To Improve Services And Save Taxpayer Dollars**	Governor Dayton's Chief of Staff Tina Flint Smith, MN.IT Services Commissioner Carolyn Parnell, and Department of Administration Commissioner Spencer Cronk outline additional reform measures in the Governor's budget that will help deliver better, faster services for Minnesotans while saving millions in taxpayer dollars.	[News Release] [Enterprise Lean Information] [SmART Information]
2/26/13	**Minnesota Receives Grants To Support 4,000 Senior Volunteers**	Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon announces six local service organizations are receiving over $700,000 in new grants to support volunteer opportunities for nearly 4,000 older Minnesotans.	[News Release]
2/28/13	**February 2013 Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton delivers remarks following the release of the February budget forecast by MMB.	[News Release] [Audio]
3/5/13	**Lt. Governor Represents Minnesota At Great Lakes Commission**	Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon will be in Washington, DC this week, representing the State of Minnesota at	[News Release]

		the Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting.	
3/13/13	**Gradminnesota Initiative Sets Goal Of 90 Percent High School Graduation Rate**	Co-chaired by Lt. Governor Prettner Solon and Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, GradMinnesota will connect our state to a nationwide movement focused on closing achievement gaps and raising graduation rates.	[News Release]
3/14/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Modifying Drainage System Provisions**	Chapter 4, House File 66, modifying drainage system provisions. This bill passed the legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
3/14/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Strengthening Protections For Vulnerable Adults**	Chapter 5, House File 90: Financial exploitations of vulnerable adult offenses allowed to be aggregated over a six month period, and venue options expended. This bill passed the legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
3/14/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Regulating Electronic Fund Transfers**	Chapter 6, House File 365, regulating electronic fund transfers, providing that Uniform Commercial Code Article 4a does not apply to a remittance transfer that is not an electronic funds transfer under the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act. This bill passed the legislature with unanimous support.	[News Release]
3/14/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Enacting The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act**	Chapter 7, House File 278, enacting the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, as approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. This bill passed the legislature with broad bi-partisan support.	[News Release]
3/14/13	**Budget For A Better Minnesota**	Governor Dayton releases a revised budget plan that responsibly resolves the state's budget deficit and makes crucial investments in Minnesota's future.	[News Release] [Budget Overview] [Budget Slideshow] [Budget Overview: Education] [Budget Overview: Higher Education] [Budget Overview: Jobs] [By the Numbers: Wealthiest 2%] [Budget Overview: Fair Taxes] [Budget Overview: Property Tax Relief] [Budget Overview: General Tax Relief]
3/15/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Advancing Diagnostic Imaging Service Accreditation**	Chapter 8, HF 582: Advanced diagnostic imaging service accreditation required for operation in	[News Release]

		Minnesota. This bill passed the Legislature with unanimous support.	
3/15/13	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order That Provides Relief To Motorists Affected By Extreme Weather Conditions**	Governor Dayton signed Emergency Executive Order 13-02, providing relief from regulations to certain motor carriers and drivers operating in Minnesota, due to extreme weather conditions.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
3/17/13	**Governor Dayton Travels The State To Make The Case For His Budget For A Better Minnesota**	In an effort to engage Minnesotans in personal conversations about his proposed investments in education, job creation, and improving the lives of middle-class families, the governor is be hosting 'Meetings with Mark' in communities around the state. He begins in Duluth.	[News Release]
3/20/13	**1.3 Million Minnesotans To Benefit From New Health Insurance Marketplace**	An estimated 1.3 million Minnesotans benefit from legislation signed into law by Governor Dayton, including nearly 300,000 Minnesotans who are currently uninsured.	[News Release]
3/21/13	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Attends National Lt. Governors Association Meeting In Washington, DC**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon joins more than 20 of her peers for a series of meetings aimed at opening new economic opportunities for states like Minnesota.	[News Release]
3/21/13	**Governor Dayton To Hold Town Hall Meetings In Moorhead, St. Cloud**	Last night in Duluth, nearly 200 Minnesotans gathered at a town hall meeting hosted by Governor Dayton. Two more Meetings with Mark are scheduled for next week in Moorhead and St. Cloud.	[News Release]
3/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Land Resignation**	Chapter 10, House File 87: Affidavit of survivorship and release or partial release of mortgage lien provided; interested in registered land after resignation claimed; technical and conforming changes made. This bill passed the State Legislature with broad bipartisan support.	[News Release]
3/26/13	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New Supreme Court Justice**	David Lillehaug is appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court.	[News Release] [Photo] [Headshot]
3/27/13	**Governor Dayton To Hold Town Hall Meetings In Rochester**	More than 500 Minnesotans gathered at town hall meetings hosted by Governor Dayton in Duluth, Moorhead, and St. Cloud. Another meeting has been scheduled for next week in Rochester.	[News Release]

4/5/13	**Governor Dayton To Hold Town Hall Meeting In Mankato**	More than 800 Minnesotans gathered at town hall meetings hosted by Governor Dayton in Duluth, Moorhead, St. Cloud and Rochester. Another meeting has been scheduled for next week in Mankato.	[News Release]
4/8/13	**Governor Dayton Releases Job Proposal**	Governor Dayton introduces a bonding proposal that invests $750 million in infrastructure projects statewide, creating an estimated 21,000 Minnesota jobs.	[News Release]
4/10/13	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order That Provides Relief To Those Affected By Extreme Weather Conditions**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 13-03 ordering the Adjutant General of Minnesota to provide assistance and emergency relief services.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
4/11/13	**Governor Dayton Signs An Emergency Executive Order 13-04 That Provides Relief To Those Affected By Extreme Weather Conditions**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 13-04 exempting motor carriers and drivers transporting supplies and materials to affected areas of the state and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
4/12/13	**Governor Dayton To Hold Town Hall Meeting In Virginia**	More than 1,000 Minnesotans gathered at town hall meetings hosted by Governor Dayton in Duluth, Moorhead, St. Cloud, Mankato, and Rochester. Another meeting has been scheduled for next week in Virginia.	[News Release]
4/15/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 11, House File 164: Changing provisions for radiation therapy facility construction.	[News Release]
4/15/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Emergency Medical Services**	Chapter 13, Senate File 166: Modifies certain provisions to include advanced emergency medical technicians; updates inspection provisions; provides requirements for emergency medical responder registration. This bill passed both bodies of the State Legislature with broad bipartisan support.	[News Release]
4/16/13	**Governor Dayton Honors Victims Of Boston Marathon Bombing**	Governor Dayton signs a proclamation ordering all flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from today, Tuesday, April 16, 2013, until sunset on Saturday, April 20, 2013, in memory of the victims of this tragedy.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

4/16/13	**Segment Of Hwy 23 To Be Named 'Officer Tom Decker Memorial Highway'**	Joined by the family of fallen Cold Spring police officer Tom Decker, Governor Dayton signs a bill designating a segment of Highway 23 in Stearns County to be named "Officer Tom Decker Memorial Highway."	[News Release] [Photo]
4/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Rights**	Chapter 14, Senate File 1086: Ensures public accommodations for blind and disabled persons. This bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workers' Compensation Reinsurance**	Chapter 15, House File 504: Eliminates the reinsurance association prefunded limit.	[News Release]
4/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 16, House File 290: Modifies false claims provisions.	[News Release]
4/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 17, House File 129: Regulates mortgage foreclosures; clarifies the definition of a foreclosure consultant. This bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 18, House File 75: Requires continuing education hours for certification as a community paramedic.	[News Release]
4/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Metropolitan Planning Activities**	Chapter 19, House File 834: Extends the sunset date of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory committee.	[News Release]
4/24/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 20, Senate File 1168: Creates new crimes relating to 911 emergency calls; provides criminal penalties. This bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/24/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Actions**	Chapter 21, House File 450: Modifies the limitations of actions for damages based on services or construction to improve real property. This bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/24/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Veterans**	Chapter 22, House File 143: Authorizes the placement of a plaque in the court of honor on the Capitol grounds to honor American Indian veterans from this state. This bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous support.	[News Release]
4/24/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Law**	Chapter 23, House File 232: Modifies the statutory short form power of attorney; authorizes certain judicial	[News Release]

		relief. This bill passed the House and Senate with unanimous support.	
4/25/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Community Property**	Chapter 24, House File 369: Adopts the Uniform Community Property Rights at Death Act. This bill passed with broad bipartisan support.	[News Release]
4/25/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 25, Senate File 953: Modifies a social work licensure provision. This bill passed the State House and Senate unanimously.	[News Release]
4/25/13	**Governor Dayton To Hold Town Hall Meeting In Shakopee**	More than 1,000 Minnesotans gathered at town hall meetings hosted by Governor Dayton in Duluth, Moorhead, St. Cloud, Rochester, Mankato, and Virginia. Another meeting has been scheduled for next week in Shakopee.	[News Release]
4/26/13	**Governor Dayton Requests Major Disaster Declaration**	Resulting from recent winter storms, Governor Dayton writes a letter to President Obama request a major disaster declared for the state of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Letter]
4/29/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 26, Senate File 359: Designates the month of April as Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month.	[News Release]
4/29/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Employment**	Chapter 27, House File 748: Modifies prompt payment of wages requirements; modifies penalties.	[News Release]
4/29/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Legal Evidence**	Chapter 28, House File 283: Limits the availability of certain evidence arising from a collaborative law process.	[News Release]
4/30/13	**Governor Dayton Appoints Board To Manage Mnsure**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of a seven-member board responsible for managing and operating MNsure.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Services**	Chapter 29, Senate File 442: Modifies membership requirements for the Council on Disability.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Children**	Chapter 30, Senate File 422: Creates the Family Reunification Act of 2013.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Nursing**	Chapter 31, Senate File 1016: Modifies definitions in the Minnesota Nurse Practicing.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 32, House File 669: Expands and updates the authority of the Statewide Radio Board to include the latest emergency communication technologies; authorizes the Statewide Radio Board to elect to become a statewide emergency communication board; includes tribal governments in	[News Release]

		regional radio board structure, and more.	
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workers' Compensation**	Chapter 33, House File 1378: Modifies Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals personnel provisions.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 34, Senate File 769: Clarifies certain statutory provisions relating to crime victim rights and programs; provides for a restitution working group.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The State Auditor**	Chapter 35, Senate File 324: Requires employees and officers of local public pension plans to report unlawful actions.	[News Release]
5/1/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Law**	Chapter 36, House File 19: Allows agency designations on certain accounts; providing form language; makes clarifying changes; clarifies filing requirements for appeals to Tax Court.	[News Release]
5/2/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Judiciary**	Chapter 37, Senate File 834: Modifies certain provisions relating to the State Guardian Ad Litem Board.	[News Release]
5/2/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Mines**	Chapter 38, Senate File 1291: Makes technical, clarifying, and other policy changes to mine inspector provisions.	[News Release]
5/6/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Crime Victims**	Chapter 39: Authorizes a victim's estate to request or enforce an order for restitution.	[News Release]
5/7/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 40, House File 648: Regulates certain lenders that use motor vehicle titles of the borrower as collateral.	[News Release]
5/7/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Local Government**	Chapter 41, House File 1195: Gives Hennepin County the same authority as Minneapolis to negotiate agreements relating to skilled trade and craft workers and apprentices.	[News Release]
5/7/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Liquor**	Chapter 42, Senate File 541: Regulates alcohol sales and distribution; authorizes and modifies various licenses.	[News Release]
5/7/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 43, Senate File 887: Classifies criminal history record data on Minnesota Responds Medical Reserve Corps volunteers; requires certain interviews for investigation of vulnerable adult complaints against HMO; enacts the Minnesota Radon Awareness Act, and more.	[News Release]

5/7/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 44, Senate File 825: Makes changes to the Medical Practice Act.	[News Release]
5/7/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Solid Waste**	Chapter 45, Senate File 510: Amends process for cities to implement organized collection of solid waste.	[News Release]
5/8/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Local Government**	Chapter 46, Senate File 843: Authorizes publication of advertisements for competitive bids in a recognized industry trade journal, requiring a report.	[News Release]
5/8/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 47, House File 1400: Modifies certain provisions regarding domestic abuse.	[News Release]
5/8/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workforce Development**	Chapter 48, Senate File 380: Adds a representative from adult basic education programs to the Workforce Development Council.	[News Release]
5/9/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Services**	Chapter 49, House File 947: Distinguishes and clarifies law regarding civil commitment of sexually dangerous persons and persons with sexual psychopathic personalities from other civil commitments.	[News Release]
5/9/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 50, House File 194: Prevents fraud; regulates money transmissions; establishes a no transmit list; requires certain notifications and verifications.	[News Release]
5/9/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 51, House File 588: Requires a hospital staffing report; requires a study on nurse staffing levels and patient outcomes; appropriates money.	[News Release]
5/9/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Natural Resources**	Chapter 52, House File 1113: Appropriates money from environment and natural resources trust fund; modifies provisions for Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources; modifies requirements for land acquisition with trust fund money.	[News Release]
5/12/13	**Governor Dayton And DFL Leaders Collaborate On 2014/15 Budget**	Governor Dayton, Speaker Paul Thissen, and Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk agree on spending and revenue targets for the FY 2014/15 state budget. These targets provide the framework for a fair and responsible budget that invests in the middle class.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 53, Senate File 748: Regulates preneed funeral insurance.	[News Release]

5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 55, House File 195: Allows a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist to adhere to a practice guideline or protocol for a legend drug prescribed by a physician.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 56, House File 1120: Requires service on all parties for judicial review of contested case.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Energy**	Chapter 57, Senate File 521: Regulates a biomass mandate project and a proposed high-voltage transmission line.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Health**	Chapter 58, House File 458: Bans formaldehyde in certain children's products.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Services**	Chapter 59, House File 969: Modifies provisions related to chemical and mental health and state-operated services; allows for data sharing; repeals a task force; updates terminology and repeals obsolete provisions; makes technical changes.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 60, House File 131: Requires estate sale conductors to post a bond to protect owners of the property to be sold.	[News Release]
5/13/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Employment**	Chapter 61, Senate File 523: Limits reliance on criminal history for employment purposes; provides for remedies.	[News Release]
5/14/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Law Enforcement Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, May 15, 2013, as Law Enforcement Memorial Day in Minnesota, as a tribute to Peace Officers who lost their lives or were injured in the line of duty. He has also ordered all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset.	[Proclamation] [News Release]
5/14/13	**Freedom To Marry Bill**	Governor Dayton signs into law House File 1054/Senate File 925, granting all Minnesotans the freedom to marry.	[Remarks] [News Release]
5/14/13	**Governor Dayton Signs An Executive Emergency Order 13-05 That Provides Relief To Those Affected By Extreme Wildfire Conditions**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 13-05, providing emergency assistance to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center due to extreme weather conditions that have caused 25 wildfires.	[Executive Emergency Order] [Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Rights**	Chapter 72, Senate File 1307: Changes provisions for certain certificates of compliance.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Lands**	Chapter 73, House File 740: Modifies landowners' bill of rights; modifies land acquisition account; provides for school forests; adds to and deletes	[News Release]

		from state parks and forests; authorizes certain exchanges and sales of state lands; conveys certain tax-forfeited lands.	
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Natural Resources**	Chapter 75, House File 461: Requires general permit for mechanical control of certain cattails.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 76, House File 580: Regulates data protection for victims of violence.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 77, House File 1069: Ratifies labor agreements and compensation plans.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Military**	Chapter 78, House File 1138: Updates to the Minnesota Code of Military Justice; provides clarifying language.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Lawful Gambling**	Chapter 79, Senate File 1006: Modifies account, record keeping, and other regulatory provisions.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Crime**	Chapter 80, Senate File 346: Provides for forfeiture of money used or intended for use to facilitate a prostitution or sex trafficking offense; appropriates money.	[News Release]
5/20/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Human Services**	Chapter 81, Senate File 654: Modifies provisions related to health care and medical assistance.	[News Release]
5/21/13	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 13-06 Providing Support For The Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Drill**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 13-06, delivering assistance to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Drill and Exercise and Wabasha Reception Center Drill Exercise.	[Emergency Executive Order] [News Release]
5/22/13	**Governor Dayton Signs Historic Education Funding Bill Into Law**	Governor Dayton, joined by legislative leaders, signs the K-12 Omnibus budget bill - the capstone of a historic session for education in Minnesota.	[Photo] [Budget Summary: Education] [Early Childhood Education Scholarship] [All Day Kindergarten] [News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 82, Senate File 745: Requires informed consent; amends definitions; allows disclosure of certain data; allows access to certain records; makes technical changes; modifies certain provisions regarding transportation and health data, and more.	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 85, House File 729: Appropriates money for jobs and economic development; modifies labor and industry, and more.	[News Release]

5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Criminal Justice**	Chapter 86, Senate File 671: Modifies certain provisions relating to public safety, courts, guardians and conservators, corrections, offenders, and data integration; requires reports; provides for penalties, and more	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 108, HF 1233: Establishes the health and human services budget, modifies provisions related to health care, continuing care, human services licensing, children and family services, program integrity, health-related licensing boards, chemical and mental health services, managed care organizations, waiver provider standards, home care, and the Department of Health, and more.	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Retirement**	Chapter 111, SF 489: Modifies State Board of Investment provisions; MSRS administrative provisions; PERA administrative provisions; benefit accrual rate specification, and more.	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government**	Chapter 114, HF 976: Appropriates money for environment, natural resources, and agriculture; modifying and providing for disposition of certain revenue; modifying pesticide control; providing certain fee exemptions, and more.	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Government Finance**	Chapter 117, HF 1444: relating to government finance; appropriates money for transportation, Metropolitan Council, and public safety activities and programs; provides for fund transfers, tort claims, and contingent appropriations, and more.	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elections**	Chapter 131, House File 894: makes policy, technical, and clarifying changes to various provisions related to election law, includes provisions related to absentee voting, and more.	[News Release]
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Operation Of State Government**	Chapter 142, Senate File 1589A: Provides funding for the legislature, constitutional officers and other agencies, boards, councils, commissions, and state entities; changes certain state government programs; changes powers and duties of certain state officers; repeals the Minnesota Sunset Act; requires the chair of the Legislative Advisory Commission alternate between a member of the senate and a member	[News Release]

		of the house of representatives, and more.	
5/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Financing And Operation Of State And Local Government**	Chapter 143, House File 677: Makes changes to individual income, corporate franchise, and other taxes and tax-related provisions modifying the property tax refund; changes property tax aids and credits; modifies the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act; modifies education aids and levies; provides additional pension funding, and more.	[News Release]
5/24/13	**Governor Dayton Concludes Signing Of 2013 Legislation**	Governor Dayton acts on the remainder of the pending legislation from the 2013 legislative session in Minnesota, including the omnibus transportation bill and the 2013 bonding bill.	[News Release]
5/24/13	**Governor Dayton Takes Action On Higher Education Bill**	Governor Dayton signed Chapter 99, Senate File 1236, The Omnibus Higher Education Bill, with the exception of a line item veto on Pages 5, line 5.29.	[News Release] [Line Item Veto]
6/3/13	**Dr. Tom Stinson Retirement**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the retirement of Minnesota State Economist, Dr. Tom Stinson.	[News Release]
7/1/13	**Key Components Of Budget For A Better Minnesota Take Effect**	Budget measures passed this session provide for needed improvements in education, job creation, and property tax relief that will benefit Minnesota families and businesses take effect today.	[News Release]
7/2/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims July 'Hire A Veteran Month'**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring the month of July to be 'Hire a Veteran Month' in Minnesota. Governor Dayton encourages all Minnesota employers to help connect military service members with employment opportunities during the month of July, and to continue hiring veterans in all twelve months of the year.	[Proclamation] [News Release]
7/2/13	**Minnesota Takes Next Steps For People With Disabilities**	State agency commissioners developing the next generation of opportunities for people with disabilities is seeking input throughout Minnesota this summer. Beginning July 9, they will hold listening sessions in St. Paul, Moorhead, Duluth and Rochester to gather citizen input on a draft Olmstead Plan.	[News Release]
7/3/13	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 13-09 Providing Aid To Those Affected By**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 13-09, declaring a peacetime emergency in the State of Minnesota in response to severe	[News Release]

	Severe Storms And Flash Flooding	storms and flash flooding that affected Minnesota communities.	
7/8/13	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon And Olmstead Plan Subcabinet Gathering Citizen Input**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon and members of the Olmstead Plan Subcabinet will be in St. Paul to gather citizen input on the state's draft Olmstead Plan. The draft plan charts a course that ensures Minnesotans with disabilities have the opportunity to learn, work, and enjoy life in the most integrated setting desired.	[News Release]
7/10/13	**Economic Update Is Good News For Minnesota Schools**	The Minnesota Department of Management and Budget (MMB) releases its quarterly economic update, showing that due to strong economic growth, the state has collected an additional $463 million above previous revenue forecasts.	[News Release]
7/12/13	**Early Learning Initiatives Town Hall Forum**	U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will travel to Minneapolis for a series of events, including a town hall meeting with Governor Dayton focused on the importance of investing in early learning initiatives.	[News Release]
7/15/13	**More Veterans Now Eligible For Minnesota GI Bill Benefits**	Governor Dayton announces the new expansion of eligibility for Minnesota GI Bill benefits.	[News Release]
7/16/13	**Town Hall Forum Highlights Investments In Minnesota's Youngest Learners**	Governor Dayton joined U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for a town hall forum focused on the importance of investing in early learning.	[News Release]
7/17/13	**Free Permanent Veterans License For Small Game And Deer Hunting**	Minnesota resident veterans with 100 percent service-connected permanent disability can apply for a free card allowing them a free small game and deer hunting license each year.	[News Release]
7/17/13	**Disaster Declaration Request**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to President Barack Obama requesting a major federal disaster declaration for 18 counties affected by flash flooding and severe storms June 20-26.	[News Release]
7/18/13	**Immigration Reform**	Governor Dayton joins a coalition of fifteen governors nationwide that is urging the United States Congress to act without delay in passing commonsense immigration reform.	[News Release] [Letter]
7/19/13	**Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon Travels To Germany To Discuss Renewable Energy**	Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon and members of a Minnesota delegation travel to Berlin, Germany to meet with German renewable energy experts and policymakers to exchange ideas and best practices.	[News Release]

7/22/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On The Death Of Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the death of Rosalie Wahl, expressing his condolences and highlighting her accomplishment of being the first woman justice to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court.	[News Release]
7/23/13	**Destination Medical Center Board**	Governor Dayton announces today his four appointments to an eight-member board that will oversee the state's largest-ever economic development project. All four appointees must be confirmed by the Minnesota Senate.	[News Release]
7/25/13	**Governor Dayton Secures Disaster Declaration**	Governor Dayton secures a major disaster declaration following strong storms and flooding in June. President Barack Obama declared a major disaster for 18 Minnesota counties: Benton, Big Stone, Douglas, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, McLeod, Morrison, Pope, Sibley, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Traverse and Wilkin.	[News Release]
7/28/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On Overturned Childcare Union Lawsuit**	Governor Dayton's statement praises the decision and reaffirms his support of the right for workers to form unions.	[News Release]
7/31/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Proclamation Designating Thursday, August 1, 2013, To Be 'Freedom To Marry Day' In Minnesota**	Governor Proclaims August 1, 2013 to be 'Freedom to Marry Day' in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/5/13	**First Destination Medical Center Board Meeting**	The newly-established Destination Medical Center Corporation Board meets for the first time at the Mayo Civic Center.	[News Release] [Meeting Agenda]
8/8/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Tribal Relationship Executive Order**	Joined by tribal leaders, Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 13-10 directing state government agencies to implement new tribal consultation policies aimed at improving relationships and collaboration with Minnesota's eleven Tribal Nations.	[News Release]
8/8/13	**Governor Dayton Is Keynote Speaker At Farmfest 2013**	Governor Dayton speaks to Minnesota farmers at the state's annual Farmfest celebration in Morgan, Minnesota.	[News Release]
8/14/13	**Lt. Governor Tackles Hunger Issues At 2013 Food Access Summit**	Hundreds of advocates and policymakers from across Minnesota gather in Duluth with Lt. Governor Prettner Solon to discuss strategies to end hunger in our state.	[News Release]
8/15/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Forensic**	To thank the state's forensic scientists for the work they do every day to solve and prevent crimes, Governor	[News Release] [Proclamation]

	Science Week In Minnesota	Dayton proclaims August 11 - August 17, 2013, to be 'Forensic Science Week' in the State of Minnesota.	
8/20/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Okee Dokee Brothers Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton praises the Okee Dokee Brothers for inspiring children to learn about and experience the wonders of the great outdoors, and proclaims August 20, 2013 'Okee Dokee Brothers Day'.	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo] [Photo]
8/21/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On The Death Of Mary Lee Dayton**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the death of his aunt Mary Lee Dayton.	[News Release]
8/23/13	**Minnesotans Urged To Weigh-In With Big Ideas For Reform, Better Government**	With the beginning of the Minnesota State Fair, Governor Dayton asks Minnesotans for their ideas to make state government better, faster, and simpler.	[News Release]
8/28/13	**Senior Linkage Line And Minnesota Board On Aging Roll Out START MN**	The Minnesota Board on Aging and the Senior LinkAge Line One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors roll out START MN, which assists older Minnesotans struggling to find work by providing helpful information and access to local employment resources.	[News Release]
9/6/13	**Governor Dayton Calls Special Session For Disaster Relief**	Governor Dayton and Legislative leaders agree on disaster relief legislation to be considered in a special session on Monday, September 9.	[News Release] [Special Session Proclamation] [Bill Agreement] [Special Session Agreement] [Spreadsheet]
9/6/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On Mnsure Rates**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the release of new rates for health insurance policies that will be available through MNsure.	[News Release]
9/9/13	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Attends Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting**	Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon participates in the Great Lakes Commission's panel discussion focused on clean water and nutrient management in the Great Lakes. She also delivers remarks regarding steps Minnesota has taken to protect Lake Superior from degradation and improve watershed management practices.	[News Release]
9/9/13	**Governor Dayton Signs Disaster Relief Bill, Delivering Aid To Twenty Minnesota Counties**	Governor Dayton signs a disaster aid bill into law, providing over $4.7 million in state assistance to communities impacted by strong storms, flooding, and a spring ice storm that caused millions of dollars in damage in southwestern Minnesota.	[News Release] [Photo]

9/10/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Patriot Day And A Day Of Service And Remembrance**	In observance of the twelfth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/10/13	**Hundreds Of New Jobs Scheduled To Come To Shakopee**	Shutterfly expands its operations to include a manufacturing facility in Minnesota, creating hundreds of new full- and part-time jobs in the state.	[News Release] [Photo]
9/10/13	**Downtown St. Paul Construction Accident**	Governor Dayton issues a statement expressing his condolences following a fatal accident on the site of an ongoing excavation project in downtown St. Paul.	[News Release]
9/13/13	**Taiwan Purchases $3.5 Billion In Agricultural Products From Minnesota And Midwestern Farmers**	Taiwanese trade officials and business leaders sign letters of intent to purchase billions of dollars of agricultural products from farmers in Minnesota and other Midwestern states over the next two years.	[News Release] [Photo]
9/17/13	**Governor Dayton Honors Victims Of Shooting At The Washington Navy Yard**	As a sign of respect for the victims of the shooting at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. on September 16, 2013, Governor Dayton signs a proclamation ordering all flags at state buildings in Minnesota from today, Tuesday, September 17, 2013, until sunset on Friday, September 20, 2013.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/19/13	**Minnesota Gained 12,200 Jobs In August**	Governor Dayton responds to news that Minnesota gained 12,200 jobs in August.	[News Release]
9/19/13	**Joint Remarks By Governor Dayton And Mayor Rybak On Minnesota Orchestra**	Governor Dayton and Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak issues join remarks regarding the Minnesota Orchestra labor dispute	[News Release]
9/20/13	**Governor Dayton Honors Justice Rosalie Wahl**	In honor and remembrance of Justice Rosalie Wahl, Governor Dayton has signed a proclamation declaring tomorrow, "Rosalie Wahl Day," and ordering all flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, September 21, 2013.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/25/13	**Minnesota Leads The Nation In Affordable Health Care**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report showing Minnesota will have the lowest average monthly premiums in the country for those buying health insurance through the ACA.	[News Release]

9/26/13	**Minnesota Eighth On Forbes List Of Best States For Business**	Minnesota ranks eighth in the "Forbes 2013 List of the Best States for Business," jumping 12 spots from last year.	[News Release] [Article]
9/30/13	**Minnesota Schools Repaid $636 Million, Almost Fully Repaid**	Under the leadership of Governor Dayton and the DFL legislature, Minnesota has now repaid nearly $2.6 billion of the $2.8 billion that was previously borrowed from our schools.	[News Release] [Minnesota Management and Budget Release]
10/2/13	**Minnesota To Participate In Veterans' Licensing And Certification Demonstration Policy Academy**	To assist states in easing veterans' transition from military service to civilian life and meaningful employment, the National Governors Association (NGA) announces the selection of six states – Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nevada, Virginia and Wisconsin – to participate in the Veterans' Licensing and Certification Demonstration Policy Academy.	[News Release]
10/3/13	**Minnesota Earns National Award For Engaging Seniors In Volunteerism**	The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities recognizes the state's Share Minnesota campaign with this year's national Volunteers Matter Award.	[News Release]
10/8/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "We Day" In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton thanks young people for volunteering and making the world a better place by proclaiming Tuesday, October 8, 2013, as "We Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/9/13	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On The Death Of Senator Rod Grams**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the death of Senator Rod Grams, expressing his condolences and highlighting the work he accomplished in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.	[News Release]
10/10/13	**Governor Dayton Hosts Third Annual Governor's Pheasant Opener In Madelia**	Governor Dayton travels to Madelia to host the Third Annual Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener as a long-standing Minnesota tradition.	[News Release]
10/14/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Minnesota Lynx Day"**	To recognize the outstanding achievements of the Minnesota Lynx, Governor Dayton declares Monday, October 14, 2013, as "Minnesota Lynx Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/19/13	**Minnesota Students Benefit From Historic Investment In Higher Education**	College students from across Minnesota gather in Bloomington to hear from Governor Dayton about how new investments are improving Minnesota's higher education system.	[News Release] [Photo]
10/21/13	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Minnesota Manufacturers Week"**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring the week of October 20, 2013, to be "Minnesota Manufacturers Week" to highlight the importance of an industry that	[News Release] [Proclamation]

		employs one out of every nine workers in Minnesota.	
10/23/13	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order Related To Agriculture**	Governor Dayton declares a state of emergency in Minnesota due to the late maturing of the corn crop across the upper Midwest.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
10/23/13	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Challenges Minnesota Schools To Increase Breakfast Access**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon serves breakfast at Piedmont Elementary School in Duluth to raise awareness of child hunger and its impact on education.	[News Release]
10/29/13	**Midwestern Governors Unite To Address Aquatic Invasive Species; Call For Lead Federal Agency**	The Midwestern Governors Association sends President Obama a letter asking that he designate the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the lead federal agency for U.S. efforts to combat invasive species. The letter is part of Governor Dayton's agenda as MGA Chair to combat the spread of aquatic invasive species in the region.	[News Release] [MGA Policy Resolution]
11/1/13	**Minnesota Olmstead Plan**	The State of Minnesota releases a plan to ensure that people with disabilities are able to live, work and enjoy life in the most integrated setting desired.	[News Release] [Olmstead Subcabinet Executive Order] [Minnesota's Olmstead Plan]
11/1/13	**Governor Dayton Issues Statement On Minnesota Olmstead Plan**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding Minnesota's new Olmstead Plan, which will improve opportunities, choice, and services for Minnesotans with disabilities:	[News Release]
11/4/13	**Statewide Health Improvement Program Awards Grants To Communities Across Minnesota**	The Minnesota Department of Health awards more than $21.2 million in Statewide Health Improvement Program grants to counties and cities across Minnesota. The grants will be used by communities to implement projects and programs that will promote exercise and physical activity, improve nutrition, and decrease tobacco and alcohol use.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Health News Release]
11/6/13	**Governor Dayton Signs An Executive Order Related To Agriculture**	Following October 23's similar order, Governor Dayton extends a state of emergency in Minnesota due to the late maturing of the corn crop across the upper Midwest.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
11/7/13	**Governor Dayton Celebrates 11th Annual Governors' Deer Hunting Opener In Fergus Falls**	Governor Dayton travels to Fergus Falls to celebrate long-standing Minnesota deer opener tradition for the 11th Annual Governor's Deer Hunting opener.	[News Release] [Minnesota Governor's Deer Hunting Opener]
11/7/13	**Minnesota Makes Significant Gains In**	For the first time since the state began reporting achievement gap data more than a decade ago, national test	[News Release]

	Narrowing Achievement Gap	results show that Minnesota is making significant progress in narrowing the achievement gap between white students and students of color.	
11/8/13	**Bemidji To Host 2014 Governor's Deer Hunting Opener Event**	Governor Dayton announces that the city of Bemidji has been chosen as the host community for the Minnesota Governor's Deer Hunting Opener to kick-off the 2014 firearms deer season.	[News Release]
11/14/13	**Governor Dayton Supports Statewide Efforts To Eliminate Traffic Deaths**	Governor Dayton addresses more than 900 highway safety advocates at opening ceremonies of the annual Toward Zero Deaths conference in St. Cloud.	[News Release]
11/14/13	**Governor Dayton, Mndot Announce 10 'Corridors Of Commerce' Projects**	Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Department of Transportation announce that ten highway construction projects will receive funding through the state's new $300 million Corridors of Commerce program.	[News Release] [Corridors of Commerce] [Project Overview] [Video]
11/14/13	**Governor Dayton Releases Statement In Regards To Affordable Care Act**	Governor Dayton releases a statement supporting President Obama for continuing to make available the ACA as an option for affordable health care.	[News Release]
11/25/13	**Governor Dayton Kicks Off Thanksgiving Week In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton is joined by Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association President John Zimmerman, and Colleen Moriarty of Hunger Solutions Minnesota to bring in Thanksgiving Week's festivities.	[News Release] [Photo] [Minnesota Turkey Growers' Press Release]
11/26/13	**Governor Dayton Signs An Executive Order Regarding State Agencies**	The Executive Order directs each state agency to designate a member of its staff as its emergency preparedness response contact and coordinator.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
12/4/13	**Technology Reform Saves Minnesotans $17.4 Million**	A bipartisan effort to overhaul the state's information technology (IT) systems is paying off, according to Governor Dayton and MN.IT Services, the state's IT agency.	[News Release]
12/5/13	**Governor Dayton's Statement On The Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton calls a projected additional surplus of over a billion dollars during the current biennium "great news for Minnesota."	[News Release]
12/5/13	**Minnesota Pays Back School Debt In Full**	After years of irresponsible borrowing, all of the $2.8 billion that was borrowed from Minnesota schools has been repaid by Minnesota's growing economy.	[News Release]

12/9/13	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 13-14**	Governor Dayton issues an emergency executive order to extend relief to motor carriers and drivers.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
12/10/13	**Governor Dayton Recognizes State Employees For Reforming State Government**	78 state employees from 15 state agencies are recognized for outstanding achievements that have reformed state government and saved taxpayer dollars.	[News Release]
12/12/13	**Entrepreneurs, Business Startups To Benefit From $6.7 Million Angel Loan Fund**	Governor Dayton and DEED Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben announce the state has created a new $6.7 million Angel Loan Fund that will provide no-interest loans of up to $250,000 for startup businesses.	[News Release]
1/3/14	**Governor Dayton Announces Minnesota Public Schools Will Be Closed Monday**	To protect Minnesota schoolchildren from forecasted dangerously cold weather, Governor Dayton announces all of the state's K-12 public schools will be closed next Monday, January 6th.	[News Release]
1/4/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On Mayor R.T. Rybak**	Following the news that Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak has suffered a heart attack, Governor Dayton issues a statement wishing him well.	[News Release]
1/6/14	**Governor Dayton Honors Former Minnesota Speaker Of The House, Rod Searle**	Governor Dayton releases a statement expressing his condolences to the family and friends of former Speaker of the House Rod Searle after his passing, noting his distinguished service in the legislature.	[News Release]
1/6/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-1**	In response to cold weather across the entire upper Midwest, Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 14-1, providing relief to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
1/7/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints New Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner**	Dan Lipschultz becomes the new Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner.	[News Release] [Headshot]
1/10/14	**State Launches New Minnesota Job Creation Fund**	Governor Dayton and Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben announce that businesses looking to expand their operations and hire new workers in Minnesota may now qualify for assistance from the newly-created Minnesota Job Creation Fund.	[News Release] [Photo]
1/14/14	**Remarks As Delivered By Lt. Governor Prettner Solon**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon announced she will not be seeking re-election in the fall.	[News Release] [Remarks as Delivered] [Photo]
1/15/14	**Dayton Jobs Proposal Will Create Over 27,000 Minnesota Jobs**	Governor Dayton introduces a bonding proposal that would invest $986 million in infrastructure projects	[News Release] [2014 Capital Budget Recommendations] [Presentation]

		statewide, creating more than 27,000 Minnesota jobs.	
1/17/14	**Governor Dayton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'S Legacy**	Governor Dayton is joined by keynote speaker Representative Keith Ellison, elected officials, and his Council on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for a statewide celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy.	[News Release]
1/23/14	**Governor Dayton Hosts Student Forum To Discuss Minnesota's Future**	Governor Dayton travels to Duluth to host a public forum with college students from four Duluth-area campuses.	[News Release]
1/25/14	**Minnesota Lawmakers, Governor Dayton Call For Immediate Action To Address Critical Propane Shortage**	U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, U.S. Representatives Collin Peterson, Betty McCollum, Tim Walz, and Rick Nolan, and Governor Dayton call for immediate action to address the critical propane shortage in Minnesota	[News Release]
1/27/14	**Minnesota Launches Bid For 2018 Super Bowl**	Governor Dayton announces an organized campaign is underway to pursue Super Bowl LII, happening February 4, 2018.	[News Release] [Fact Sheet]
1/27/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Order Declaring Peacetime State Of Emergency**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-02, declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency in Minnesota in response to a severe shortage of propane and other home heating fuel supplies statewide.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order] [Petition to President Obama]
1/27/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Order To Help Stranded Motorists**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-03, providing assistance for search and rescue, and sheltering of stranded motorists.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
1/28/14	**Governor Dayton To Have Hip Surgery Next Week**	Governor Dayton announces that he will undergo hip surgery next week on Thursday, February 6th at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The surgery is expected to take approximately one hour.	[News Release]
1/28/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On The State Of The Union Address**	Governor Dayton praises President Obama's vision to expand education, health care, and the federal minimum wage.	[News Release]
1/30/14	**Minnesota Propane Emergency**	Governor Dayton and several other Midwest Governors spoke with Texas Governor Rick Perry via telephone about the propane emergency in Minnesota.	[News Release]
1/31/14	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Immortal Four Chaplains Day**	In observance of the 71st Anniversary of the tragic sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester off the coast of Greenland, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state	[News Release] [Proclamation]

		buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, February 3, 2014.	
1/31/14	**Executive Council Extends Peacetime State Of Emergency**	Governor Dayton and members of the state's Executive Council vote unanimously to extend Emergency Executive Order 14-02 for another 30 days to help relieve the severe shortage of propane and other home heating fuel supplies statewide.	[News Release]
2/2/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On The Death Of Prime Minister Abdirizak Haji Hussein**	Governor Dayton expresses his condolences for the family of Prime Minister Abdirizak Haji Hussein and praises the Prime Minister as a pioneering leader in the liberation movement in Somalia.	[News Releases]
2/3/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On The Death Of Second Lady Joan Mondale**	Governor Dayton expresses his condolences for the Mondale family and notes contributions she made through political activism in the community.	[News Release]
2/3/14	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Issues A Statement On The Death Of Second Lady Joan Mondale**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon expresses her condolences for the Mondale family and notes the barriers she broke down for other women to become involved in politics.	[News Release]
2/4/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New Chief Of Staff**	Jaime Tincher is announced as Governor Dayton's new Chief of Staff.	[News Release]
2/4/14	**Governor Dayton, Other Midwestern Governors Ask President For Propane Help**	Governor Dayton and six other Midwestern governors send a letter to President Barack Obama, asking for the assistance of the federal government to help increase propane supplies by "every means of transport."	[News Release] [Letter]
2/4/14	**Governor Dayton Expands Heating Assistance Program To Help More Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton takes executive action to expand eligibility for the state's heating assistance program.	[News Release]
2/5/14	**Propane Action Taken**	After a push from U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and Representatives Collin Peterson, Betty McCollum, Tim Walz, and Rick Nolan, and Governor Dayton, the Administration announces it is taking action to make it easier to transport additional propane to Minnesota and other areas affected by the ongoing propane shortage.	[News Release]

2/6/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-04**	In the ongoing effort to increase the supply of propane for Minnesota residents, farms, and businesses, Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-04, extending relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers operating in the State of Minnesota	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
2/7/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims 'Minnesota Winter Olympics Day'**	Governor Dayton recognizes the 19 Minnesota athletes preparing to compete in the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games and declares February 7, 2014, to be Minnesota Winter Olympians Day.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/7/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-05**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-05, amending yesterday's order to include the transport of gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol, and biodiesel.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
2/10/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Bob Mcdonald Day" In Minnesota**	To honor Bob McDonald as a legend and icon in his community and across the state for his accomplishments as both a player and a coach, Governor Dayton proclaims February 11, 2014, to be "Bob McDonald Day" in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/11/14	**Governor Dayton Proposes Funding Measure To Ensure No Child Is Denied Lunch In Minnesota Schools**	Governor Dayton proposes providing additional funding in the upcoming legislative session to ensure that every child has access to a nutritious lunch in Minnesota schools.	[News Release]
2/14/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Minneapolis Residential Fire**	Governor Dayton expresses his condolences to those suffering from the residence fire in Minneapolis that took the lives of five Minnesotans	[News Release]
2/18/14	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Recognizes State Workers For Charitable Giving**	This year, state employees raised more than $896,000 for charitable organizations in Minnesota. To honor this great work, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon held a ceremony at the Capitol to celebrate the contributions of Minnesota's state employees.	[News Release] [Photo]
2/21/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-06 To Help Stranded Motorists**	Following a major winter storm, Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-06. The Executive Order directs the Minnesota National Guard to assist stranded motorists in affected counties across Minnesota.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
2/25/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On The Minimum Wage**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on his support for raising the minimum wage.	[News Release]

2/25/14	**Lt. Governor, State Lawmakers Join Forces To Help Military Families Get Jobs**	To ensure recent veterans and military spouses are not forced to sacrifice their careers, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon joins forces with several state lawmakers this session to make it easier for military families to obtain the occupational licenses they need to qualify for certain jobs in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Joining Forces Program]
2/25/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints New Deputy Chief Of Staff**	Matt Massman is announced as Governor Dayton's new Deputy Chief of Staff.	[News Release]
2/28/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Property Taxes**	The Minnesota Department of Revenue releases a report showing property taxes after refunds are going down for the first time in 12 years. Governor Dayton issues a statement.	[News Release]
2/28/14	**First Act Of Legislative Session Invests $20 Million In Heating Assistance**	Governor Dayton signs legislation providing additional state funding to keep Minnesotans safe and warm during this winter's propane emergency.	[News Release]
2/28/14	**February Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton releases the following statement regarding Minnesota's February Budget Forecast.	[News Release]
3/6/14	**Governor Dayton Proposes $616 Million In Tax Cuts For Middle Class Minnesotans, Businesses**	Governor's proposal would increase state budget reserve for the first time since 2001.	[News Release]
3/6/14	**Governor Dayton's Supplemental Budget Proposal**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding his supplemental budget proposal.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: A Fair Tax Plan] [FACT SHEET: Middle Class Tax Cuts] [FACT SHEET: Tax Relief for Businesses] [Supplemental Budget Proposal]
3/7/14	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Lance Corporal Caleb Erickson**	In honor and remembrance of Lance Corporal Caleb L. Erickson, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, March 10, 2014.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/12/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Appointments**	Chapter 146, SF 629: This bill provides a process for certain county offices to be made by appointment rather than by election, in Jackson, Lake, Clay, Kandiyohi, and Lyon Counties. This bill passed the House 85-42 and the Senate 42-21.	[News Release]

3/13/14	**Governor Dayton Meets With Medical Marijuana Advocates**	Governor Dayton meets privately with 11 individuals and family members who are advocating for the legalization of medical marijuana.	[Press Release]
3/13/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Minnesota's Jobs Report**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's (DEED) jobs report showing that total employment has topped 2.8 million for the first time in state history.	[Press Release]
3/13/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-08**	Due to extreme weather conditions that have caused septic systems across Minnesota to freeze, Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-08. The order exempts vehicles used to pump or transport septic system sewage from the seasonal weight restrictions on local and state highways and streets.	[Press Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
3/14/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Appointments**	Chapter 147, SF 894: This bill makes changes to reimbursement classifications for residents of nursing homes and boarding care homes. This bill passed the House 126-0 and the Senate 63-0.	[Press Release]
3/21/14	**Governor Dayton Enacts $508 Million In Tax Cuts For Middle Class, Businesses**	Governor Dayton signs legislation (HF1777) cutting taxes for middle class Minnesotans and businesses. The $508 million tax cut will put more money in the pockets of middle class families, individuals, and thousands of businesses across Minnesota.	[Press Release] [FACT SHEET: A Fair Tax Plan]
3/24/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On Mnsure**	Governor Dayton releases a statement after MNsure announced that Minnesotans who have attempted to enroll in health coverage by the March 31st deadline will be eligible for an extension.	[Press Release] [MNsure release]
3/25/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On Mnsure Enrollment**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following MNsure's announcement that it has surpassed its enrollment goal, helping more than 136,000 Minnesotans access quality, affordable health care coverage.	[Press Release]
3/25/14	**Deed Awards First Job Creation Fund Projects**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) announce the first projects awarded funding under the Minnesota Job Creation Fund.	[Press Release]
3/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Higher Education**	Chapter 149, HF 2647: This bill reduces verbiage by eliminating unnecessary and redundant laws relating to Higher Education. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[Press Release]

3/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To County Government**	Chapter 148, HF 1455: This bill makes the Blue Earth County Library Board advisory to the County Board. The bill passed in the House 119-6, and in the Senate 64-0.	[Press Release]
3/26/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Labor Laws**	Chapter 151, SF 1952: This bill ratifies labor agreements and compensation plans for state employees. This bill passed the House 84-48 and the Senate 43-22.	[Press Release]
3/28/14	**Governor Dayton Declares "Mnsure Enrollment Day" In Minnesota**	With the March 31st deadline for enrollment approaching, Governor Dayton declares today "MNsure Enrollment Day," urging Minnesotans to use MNsure in the coming days to find and enroll in a health plan that best fits their needs.	[Press Release] [Proclamation]
3/31/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement Metro Council Staff Recommendations**	Governor Dayton responds to the Metropolitan Council's staff recommendations for the Southwest Light Rail Transit project.	[Press Release]
3/31/14	**Governor Voices Support For Unsession Disaster Relief Reform Initiative**	Governor Dayton voices his support for legislation that would eliminate unnecessary special sessions in time of disaster.	[Press Release] [Helping Communities Recover from Natural Disasters Recommendations]
4/1/14	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement On Mnsure Enrollment**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to MNsure's announcement that nearly 170,000 Minnesotans have enrolled in high-quality, affordable health coverage, and that as many as 36,000 Minnesotans are now eligible for an extension.	[Press Release]
4/2/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Military Affairs**	Chapter 152, HF 2665: This bill removes five obsolete, redundant, and unnecessary laws related to military affairs. Laws removed through this bill date back to 1921, including state requirements for National Guard uniforms and equipment, which are now covered by federal law. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[Press Release]
4/3/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Statement On An Anti-Bullying Measure**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the Minnesota Senate passing a bill strengthening protections against bullying in Minnesota schools.	[Press Release]
4/3/14	**Segment Of Trunk Hwy 36 To Be Named "Officer Richard Crittenden, Sr., Memorial Highway**	Governor Dayton signs a bill designating a segment of Trunk Highway 36 in North Saint Paul to be named "Officer Richard Crittenden, Sr., Memorial Highway."	[Press Release]

4/3/14	**Mndot Announces 2014 State Road Construction Program**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation announces more than 300 construction projects scheduled for 2014 to improve highways, bridges and other state transportation infrastructure.	[News Release]
4/3/14	**Hexfuel Plans Manufacturing Facility In Hastings**	HexFuel, a Maplewood startup that makes technology that improves the performance of diesel engines, is planning a manufacturing facility in Hastings that will employ 150 people within three years and potentially 300 in five years.	[News Release]
4/3/14	**Governor Dayton To Deliver State Of The State Address On April 23 At 7:00pm**	Governor Dayton announces he will deliver his annual State of the State Address to a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, beginning at 7:00pm.	[News Release] [Letter to the Speaker of the House] [Letter to Senate President]
4/3/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Procedures**	Chapter 153, HF 2385: This bill updates Minnesota statute to conform to new rules of civil procedure for discovery plans, so that the full 180 days of discovery mandated by the legislature to prepare expert affidavits is maintained. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/3/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Procedures**	Chapter 154, SF 2100: This bill removes the residency requirement for deputy registrars. This bill passed the House 131-0 and the Senate 61-4.	[News Release]
4/4/14	**DC Group Expands In North Minneapolis**	DC Group, a Minnesota-based maintenance and repair services group, announces plans to expand its North Minneapolis facility and will create at least 33 full-time permanent jobs. The company's expected private investment in the expansion is over $6.2 million.	[News Release]
4/7/14	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement On The State's Minimum Wage**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to legislative leaders in the Minnesota House and Senate announcing a compromise agreement to raise the state's minimum wage to $9.50 per hour, and index it to inflation.	[News Release]
4/7/14	**North Star Insurance Expands Cottonwood Headquarters**	North Star Mutual Insurance Company, headquartered in Cottonwood, Minn., expands due to an increase in services to markets throughout the Midwest. The company announces plans to invest $9.5 million create 12 new full-time permanent jobs.	[News Release]

4/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs Safe And Supportive Schools Act**	Surrounded by students, parents, teachers, and school administrators, Governor Dayton today signs the Safe and Supportive Schools Act. The new law, authored by state Sen. Scott Dibble and state Rep. Jim Davnie, strengthens protections against the threat of bullying in Minnesota schools.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/9/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 14-09**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 14-09 directing the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to begin implementing Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program pilot programs.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
4/9/14	**Governor Dayton Voices Support For Broadband Infrastructure Funding**	Governor Dayton discusses his support for additional funding this session to expand access to high-speed broadband across Minnesota.	[News Release] [New Office of Broadband Development] [Photo]
4/10/14	**State Leaders Tour Dakota County Technical College Bonding Project**	Governor Dayton's higher education bonding bill continues to be the focus of a statewide tour, with visits at campuses in Rosemount and Moorhead.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency**	Chapter 161, SF 2569: This bill repeals obsolete, redundant, and unnecessary laws and rules under the direction of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. It also changes a State Register notice requirement that streamlines and provides easier public access to information. This bill passed the House 129-3 and the Senate 66-0.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Food Safety**	Chapter 163, SF 2060: This food safety bill defines permitting rules for food product sampling and demonstration; with an exemption for a chili or soup cook-off event. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Human Services**	Chapter 156, SF 2004: This bill modifies human services appropriations in order to correct the law to match the intent of the 2013 Legislature. Without this language, there would be unintended reductions to funds for children's services and adult mental health grants. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]

4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Limited Liability Companies**	Chapter 157, HF 977: This bill regulates the organization and operation of limited liability companies, providing changes to increase uniformity and conformity. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Employer Health Insurance**	Chapter 158, SF 1737: This bill ensures continued employer health insurance contributions for Department of Corrections employees who are permanently and totally disabled on the job. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Cesar Chavez**	Chapter 159, SF 1509: This bill designates March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day in the State of Minnesota. This bill passed the House 83-45 and the Senate 57-1.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Cosmetologist Education Standards**	Chapter 162, SF 1762: This bill updates the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners statute and gives the board the authority to quickly update their rules. This bill also changes the composition of the Board and revises requirements for professional associations offering continuing education and for cosmetology schools. The bill passed the House 127-2 and the Senate 47-19.	[News Release]
	Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Drainage Systems	Chapter 164, SF 2221: This bill modifies drainage system provisions. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Sales**	Chapter 165, SF 2108: This bill prohibits certain practices in connection with a sales representative agreement. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers	[News Release]
4/14/14	**Governor Dayton Enacts First Minimum Wage Increase In A Decade**	Joined in the Capitol Rotunda by legislators, advocates, and hard-working Minnesotans from across the state, Governor Dayton signs a bill into law raising Minnesota's minimum wage for the first time since 2005.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Minimum Wage]
4/15/14	**Tax Cut Day In Minnesota**	The $508 million in tax cuts enacted early this session by Governor Dayton and the Legislature will benefit over 1.2 million middle class Minnesotans and thousands of businesses across the state.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: A Fair Tax Plan] [FACT SHEET: Middle Class Tax Cuts] [FACT SHEET: Business Tax Cuts]
4/17/14	**Minnesota Launches Its Largest-Ever Marketing Effort To Boost Tourism**	Governor Dayton and Explore Minnesota Tourism Director John Edman launch the state's all-new	[News Release]

		travel marketing campaign, designed to encourage travelers to choose Minnesota as their next vacation destination.	
4/18/14	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement On An Energy Act**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding a federal judge's decision to strike down part of Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act.	[News Release]
4/20/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Go Wild! Day" In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton calls on hockey fans across the state to rally behind the Minnesota Wild as the team returns to the Xcel Energy Center to take on the Colorado Avalanche in Game 3 of the NHL Playoffs.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/22/14	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement On The Frac Sand Moratorium**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to residents of southeastern Minnesota delivering a petition to the Governor's Office, requesting a moratorium on frac sand mining in the region.	[News Release]
4/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To County Government**	Chapter 167, SF 2076: This bill authorizes the adoption of a local county government plan in Dakota County. This bill passed the House 109-18 and the Senate 50-16.	[News Release]
4/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Accreditation**	Chapter 168, SF 1725: This public safety bill requires forensic laboratories to become accredited. This bill passed the House 115-15 and the Senate 64-0.	[News Release]
4/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Licensing**	Chapter 169, HF 2659: This bill exempts individuals who perform threading from needing a license and gives the Board of Cosmetology Examiners authority to update their rules to reflect this exemption. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Corporate Liabilities**	Chapter 170, HF 2190: This bill amends provisions relating to corporations and limited liability companies. This bill passed 95-32 in the House and 62-0 in the Senate.	[News Release]
4/25/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Criminal Charges**	Chapter 171, SF 685: This bill requires that courts allow simultaneous competency and civil commitment examinations for defendants facing criminal charges in certain circumstances. It will reduce the time people with serious mental illness stay in jail without access to mental health treatment before being civilly committed. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]

4/28/14	**Mndot Commemorates Worker Memorial Day On April 28**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation commemorate Worker Memorial Day with several events throughout the state Monday, April 28, honoring the fallen workers who died while working on MnDOT construction and maintenance projects.	[News Releasec]
4/28/14	**Mndot Identifies Project Savings**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation announces it has identified $50 million in construction project savings that will allow it to fund a major project in the Twin Cities metro area and much needed pavement reconstruction on Interstate 90 in southwestern Minnesota.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement On The Online Voter Registration Bill**	Governor Dayton issues a statement in response to the Online Voter Registration Bill passing with bipartisan support in the Minnesota Senate by a vote of 41-24.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Miller Manufacturing Expands In Glencoe**	Farm, ranch and pet supplier Miller Manufacturing will add 20 jobs as part of a $3 million expansion of its distribution center in Glencoe.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton To Deliver State Of The State Address**	On Wednesday, April 30, Governor Dayton will deliver his State of the State Address before a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature. Governor Dayton will deliver his speech in the Chamber of the Minnesota House of Representatives beginning at 7:00pm.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Benefit Corporations**	Chapter 172, HF 2582: This bill provides rules for the organization and operation of public benefit corporations. This passed the House 110-16 and the Senate 48-16.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Identity Protection**	Chapter 173, HF 2276: This bill enables Safe at Home program participants to buy property in a manner that protects their identities. The Safe at Home program is an address confidentiality program designed to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or others who fear for their safety. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To The Minnesota Historical Society's Technology**	Chapter 174, HF 2937: This bill makes technical changes affecting the Minnesota Historical Society, including amending language to include correct addresses and names. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]

4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Transportation**	Chapter 175, HF 2858: This transportation bill amends regulation for limousines. This passed the House 100-21 and the Senate 57-0.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Elections**	Chapter 176, SF 1732: This elections bill extends the deadline for counties to purchase voting equipment with Help America Vote Act grants. The bill received unanimous bipartisan support in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Public Safety**	Chapter 177, HF 2141: This public safety bill increases the time-limit for warrantless arrests from 24 hours to 72 hours for warrantless arrests in misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor domestic abuse offenses. This bill also clarifies probable cause arrests for violations of protection, restraining, and no contact orders. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Health**	Chapter 178, HF 2656: This health bill modifies the use of the all-payer claims data. The bill convenes a work group to make recommendations on expanded uses of the all-payer claims database. This passed the House 80-48 and the Senate 46-13.	[News Release]
4/29/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Online Voter Registration**	Chapter 185, HF 2096: This bill authorizes a state online voter registration system. The bill also allows citizens to apply for absentee ballots through the Secretary of State's website. This bill received bipartisan support, passing the House 129-2 and the Senate 41-24.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Minnesota Responds: 2014 State Of The State Address**	Following Governor Dayton's 2014 State of the State speech, Minnesotans from across the state respond - crediting the Governor for new investments in education, a stronger middle class, and economic development measures that have helped grow our state's economy and create jobs.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Agriculture**	Chapter 181, HF 2746: This bill removes obsolete, redundant, and unnecessary laws related to the Department of Agriculture. This bill also modifies biodiesel fuel requirements. It passed the House 116-0 and the Senate 61-1.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Workers Compensation**	Chapter 182, HF 2658: This bill adopts recommendations from the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. It	[News Release]

		passed unanimously in both chambers.	
4/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Water Safety**	Chapter 179, SF 2245: This bill requires lifeguards at public beaches to have certain minimum safety training. This passed the House 110-10 and the Senate 52-14.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Public Safety**	Chapter 180, SF 2571: This public safety bill restructures the criminal vehicular operation statute by creating separate sections relating to criminal vehicular homicide and criminal vehicular operation. It passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Health Infrastructure**	Chapter 83, SF 2245: This local government bill authorizes District One Hospital to sell property and provides for the dissolution of a hospital district. This bill passed the House 131-1 and the Senate 58-0.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Insurance**	Chapter 184, SF 1689: This insurance bill authorizes certain benefits for Minnesota FAIR plan and Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association employees. The bill also provides conforming and technical changes. The bill passed the House 123-3 and the Senate 42-22.	[News Release]
4/30/14	**Andersen Corporation Plans $18 Million Expansion**	Andersen Corporation plans an $18 million expansion project that will create 100 full-time jobs at its manufacturing facility in Bayport. It plans to improve an existing building at the complex and will purchase new machinery. The new jobs will pay on average of $19 an hour including benefits.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To The Contract Management Process**	Chapter 187, HF 2217: This bill updates provisions in grants and contract management processes. The bill also provides an encumbrance exception in the grant process. The bill passed the House 126-1 and the Senate 59-0.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Health Provisions**	Chapter 192, HF 2874: This bill eliminates and modernizes antiquated, unnecessary, and obsolete health provisions. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Public Safety**	Chapter 186, SF 1246: This public safety bill requires a driver to stop and investigate possible personal injury or property damage following a collision. This bill passed the House 124-3 and the Senate 45-16.	[News Release]

5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Housing**	Chapter 188, HF 859: This housing bill establishes remedies for victims of violence to terminate lease agreements. The bill also establishes a Housing Opportunities Made Equitable pilot project. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Family Resources**	Chapter 189, HF 892: This bill updates the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To The Automated Property System**	Chapter 190, HF 2605: This bill relates to the automated property system (APS) for tracking scrap metal and scrap vehicle transactions. It delays the implementation date and establishes parameters for a transaction fee. The bill passed the House 113-17 and the Senate 62-0.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Home Foreclosures**	Chapter 191, HF 2213: This mortgage foreclosures bill amends the definition of a "small servicer". The bill also clarifies the statute of limitations for certain foreclosure claims. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Data Practices**	Chapter 193, SF 2066: This bill creates a Legislative Commission on Data Practices and Personal Data Privacy. The bill passed the House 124-3 and the Senate 63-0.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Emerson Continues Shakopee Expansion**	Over the next three years, Emerson Process Management plans to add another 200 jobs after completing a $26 million expansion of its Rosemount instrumentation manufacturing facility in Shakopee. These jobs and expansion are part of the company's plans to invest up to $70 million and add a total of up to 400 jobs over five years.	[News Release]
5/1/14	**Governor Dayton Meets With Miss Minnesota, Rebecca Yeh**	Miss Minnesota, Rebecca Yeh meets with Governor Dayton at the Governor's Residence in St. Paul. Yeh, of Nisswa, Minnesota, was crowned Miss Minnesota on June 15, 2013.	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo]
5/2/14	**2014 Minnesota Fishing Opener Hosts Selected**	A pair of accomplished anglers from the Brainerd Lakes Area will host Governor Dayton and Lieutenant Governor Prettner Solon for the 2014 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 10.	[News Release]
5/3/14	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Honors**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon sends her condolences to the family of Congressman Jim Oberstar:	[News Release]

	Congressman Jim Oberstar	"Congressman Oberstar was a tremendous servant and advocate for Northeastern Minnesota, and for Minnesotans statewide. He was committed to safe transportation, public access to Minnesota's beautiful parks and trails, and to bringing jobs to the people of Minnesota's 8th district. My thoughts today are with Congressman Oberstar's wife Jean, his children, and his grandchildren."	
5/3/14	**Governor Dayton Honors Congressman Jim Oberstar**	Governor Dayton sends his condolences to the family of Congressman Jim Oberstar: "Congressman Oberstar was a true champion for the people of the 8th District, and for our entire state. He worked tirelessly to bring jobs, economic growth, and a better quality of life to his constituents. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Jean, and his family."	[News Release]
5/5/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To The Department Of Administration**	Chapter 196, SF 2312: This eliminates statutes that are no longer necessary for state agency business needs, and reorganizes the state's procurement code for consistency and accessibility.	[News Release]
5/5/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Licensees**	Chapter 198, HF 2853: This modifies education requirements, enforcement provisions and other actions, and prohibits certain homeowners policy surcharges.	[News Release]
5/5/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 194, SF 2103: This modifies the description of permitted uses of vehicles for testing. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/5/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Education**	Chapter 195, SF 2608: This local government bill repeals an authorization for the creation of the Grand Rapids Central School Commission. This bill passed the House 125-1 and the Senate 60-0.	[News Release]
5/5/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Family Law**	Chapter 197, HF 2722: This family law bill makes changes to custody and parenting time provisions. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/5/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 199, HF 2694: This commerce bill modifies the regulation of real estate brokers and salespersons. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/6/14	**Homark Homes Expands In Red Lake Falls**	Manufactured and modular homebuilder Homark Homes invests $6 million in an expansion that will	[News Release]

		add 19 jobs at its manufacturing facility in Red Lake Falls in northwestern Minnesota.	
5/6/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Electronic Court Processing**	Chapter 204, HF 2668: This streamlines several process improvements for litigants and changes several laws to further enable the court to move toward electronic court record processing. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/6/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Renter's Rights**	Chapter 205, HF 2479: This allows housing courts and housing calendars to use referees for the majority of landlord and tenant cases. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/6/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Court System**	Chapter 200, HF 2660: This courts bill clarifies existing law related to partial payment or reimbursement of costs from a party proceeding in forma pauperis. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/6/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Criminal Justice**	Chapter 201, SF 874: This criminal justice bill modifies judicial forfeiture provisions in certain cases. This bill passed the House 120-0 and the Senate 55-5.	[News Release]
5/6/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To District Judge Regulations**	Chapter 202, SF 2718: This bill modifies the review process of district judge disposition to comply with 90-day disposition requirements, allowing for notice and action to be taken. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/6/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 203, SF 2047: This health bill modifies the newborn screening program. The bill passed the House 69-58 and the Senate 36-20.	[News Release]
5/8/14	**Governor Dayton Hosts 67th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener**	As nearly 500,000 Minnesotans gear up to go fishing this weekend, Governor Dayton prepares to host Minnesota's 67th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener in the Brainerd Lakes Area.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Releases A Statement On The 150th Anniversary Of The Mayo Clinic**	Governor Dayton provides remarks at Mayo Clinic's Sesquicentennial celebration in Rochester.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Segment Of Route No. 46 To Be Named "Nicholas Patrick Spehar Memorial Highway"**	Governor Dayton signs a bill designating a segment of Route No. 46 (U.S. Highway 8), from the southwestern border of Chisago City to the eastern border of Center City,	[News Release]

		to be named "Nicholas Patrick Spehar Memorial Highway."	
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To The Saint Paul Port Authority**	Chapter 206, HF 2566: Authorizes the Saint Paul Port Authority to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means. It passed the House 111-14 and the Senate 56-0.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Public Safety**	Chapter 212, HF 3017: This public safety bill amends and repeals outdated and redundant statutes. The bill also requires a report on the collection of data on victims of domestic abuse. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Public Parks**	Chapter 217, SF 2449: This authorizes the purchase of a dam, and public and private sales and exchanges of certain state lands. The bill also merges two state parks, modifies boundaries for state forests and recreation areas, and modifies the disposition of certain land and revenue. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Corrections**	Chapter 218, HF 2755: This corrections bill amends and repeals outdated and redundant statutes. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To The Department Of Commerce And The Public Utilities Commission**	Chapter 222, HF 2854: This bill removes and modifies obsolete, unnecessary and redundant laws and rules administered by the Department of Commerce and the Public Utilities Commission. The bill also eliminates obsolete laws. It passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Commercial Recycling**	Chapter 225, SF 663: This bill requires commercial recycling to be available at many businesses in the seven-county metro area. The bill passed the House 76-53 and the Senate 37-25.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Transportation**	Chapter 227, HF 3084: This transportation bill eliminates and modernizes antiquated, unnecessary, redundant and obsolete provisions. It passed the House 116-13 and the Senate 55-0.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Veterans**	Chapter 207, HF 1916: This bill authorizes special license plates for women veterans. This bill passed the House 118-0 and the Senate 54-9.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Data Privacy**	Chapter 208, HF 2405: This data practices bill classifies checking account numbers as nonpublic data. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]

5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Corrections**	Chapter 209, HF 2953: This corrections bill eliminates a requirement that counties be contiguous in order to qualify for a grant for correctional services. This passed the House 126-6 and the Senate 60-0.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elections**	Chapter 210, HF 3115: This elections bill allows the Saint Louis County Board to designate a two-year term for the district 7 board seat following the 2014 election. After the 2016 election, the seat turns back into a four-year term, staggering terms as required by state law. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Labor Protection**	Chapter 211, HF 3014: This bill creates the Public Employment Relations Board to hear unfair labor practice claims under the Public Employee Relations Act. This passed the House 74-59 and the Senate 35-26.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 213, HF 3238: This public safety bill prohibits individuals from possessing weapons if they are subject to domestic violence restraining orders. The bill requires individuals to surrender their firearms if they have been convicted of domestic violence offenses. The bill provides penalties for those who fail to comply. This bill passed the House 111-15 and the Senate 60-4.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Property Management**	Chapter 214, HF 3043: This bill authorizes local governments to transfer cemetery property to a tribal cemetery association. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 215, SF 2398: This commerce bill updates laws regulating liens on personal property in self-storage. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Employment**	Chapter 219, HF 2313: This bill updates the definition of a confidential employee. This bill passed the House 79-46 and the Senate 36-23.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Local Government**	Chapter 220, HF 1425: This local government bill modifies definitions that apply to municipal boundary adjustments. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Energy**	Chapter 221, HF 655: This energy bill regulates the routing process for high-voltage transmission lines and	[News Release]

		prohibits the designation of a preferred route in the permitting process. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Labor Regulations And Collective Bargaining**	Chapter 223, SF 2490: This labor bill provides procedures for how local governments and school districts handle collective bargaining agreements and protect employees when entering a new joint powers agreement. This bill passed the House 77-49 and the Senate 39-23.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Local Government**	Chapter 224, SF 2609: This local government bill authorizes four-year terms for the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Natural Resources**	Chapter 226, HF 1874: This natural resources bill appropriates money from environment and natural resources trust funds and modifies provisions for the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. This bill passed the House 99-29 and the Senate 47-15.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Administration**	Chapter 228, SF 1340: This is a technical bill that clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General. The bill also establishes a task force under the Commissioner of Health to provide recommendations to integrate foreign-trained physicians into Minnesota's health care system. The bill passed the House 129-0 and the Senate 54-0.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Housing**	Chapter 229, SF 2162: This bill allows Hennepin County Housing Redevelopment Authority and watershed districts in Hennepin County to join a regional collaboration reinvestment program. The bill passed the House 75-55 and the Senate 50-17.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elections**	Chapter 230, HF 2318: This bill allows the South St Paul Public School District, by resolution, to change from election districts to at-large elections for its school board members. The bill passed the House 127-1 and the Senate 58-0.	[News Release]
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 231, HF 2912: This bill allows auto dealers to sell the vehicle at wholesale or retail instead of selling	[News Release]

		the vehicle by public auction when the auto dealer is a lienholder. The bill passed the House 119-7 and the Senate 66-0.	
5/9/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Opioid Epidemic**	Chapter 232, SF 1900: This bill is also known as "Steve's Law," after Steve Rummler, who died of a heroin overdose in 2011. It allows certain non-health care professionals to administer a medication that can counteract a drug overdose. The bill also provides some immunity from prosecution if an individual seeks emergency medical assistance in the case of a drug overdose. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/10/14	**Lake Vermilion Area To Host 2015 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener**	Next year's Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener will be held in the Lake Vermilion area, May 7 through 10, 2015. Explore Minnesota Tourism, the state's tourism promotion office, organizes this event each year in coordination with a host community.	[News Release]
5/11/14	**Governor Dayton Signs Women's Economic Security Act Into Law On Mother's Day**	Governor Dayton signs into law the Women's Economic Security Act (CH 239, HF 2536), which will help expand economic opportunity for all women in Minnesota.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Women's Economic Security Act] [Photo]
5/12/14	**Governor Dayton Urges Stronger Consumer Protections For Payday Loans**	Governor Dayton urges the Legislature to pass stronger consumer protections for Minnesotans who take out payday loans.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton On The Downtown East Project**	Governor Dayton provides remarks at a groundbreaking ceremony for the Downtown East redevelopment project in Minneapolis.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Unsession Bill Into Law, Significantly Reducing Time It Takes To Process Business Permits**	Governor Dayton signs a key Unsession measure into law that aims to reduce time for state government agencies to process environmental permits for job-creating projects. An estimated 11,000 Minnesota businesses will benefit from new permitting reforms each year.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Statue Governing**	Chapter 236, HF 2670: This bill updates and clarifies the statute governing licensing provisions for The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and the Interior Design Board. It passed the House 111-8 and the Senate 56-1.	[News Release]

5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Transportation**	Chapter 243, SF 2614: This transportation bill removes the length limit for certain connector highways, and allows a one-week bid advertisement period for certain trunk highway contracts. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To The Judiciary**	Chapter 245, HF 2386: This judiciary bill modifies the requirements to file a petition for relief from conviction, and modifies the notice requirement for offenders who owe restitution. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Jury Rights**	Chapter 233, SF 2322: This bill allows a person who has brought a civil court action in district court for a violation of the Minnesota Human Rights Act, related to discrimination in employment, housing, credit, education, and other areas, to have a jury trial. This bill passed the House 79-51 and the Senate 55-0.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 234, SF 2423: This public safety bill addresses the needs of incarcerated women during pregnancy and childbirth, and authorizes an advisory committee. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 235, SF 511: This health bill improves access to health care delivered by advanced practice registered nurses and creates an advisory council. This bill passed the House 119-13 and the Senate 64-0.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Voter Data**	Chapter 238, HF 2265: This bill authorizes the Secretary of State obtain certain data from Department of Public Safety to increase voter registration and improve the accuracy of voter registration records. This passed the House 117-16 and the Senate 58-6.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Liquor Regulations**	Chapter 240, SF 2336: This bill provides for the sale, storage, and other regulations of liquor. The bill authorizes and establishes various liquor licenses, and contains provisions for gambling fraud. This passed the House 120-10 and the Senate 49-15.	[News Release]
5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Disobedience**	Chapter 242, SF 2712: This bill clarifies that failing to pay court-ordered support is a crime. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]

5/13/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 244, HF 2654: This public safety bill eliminates licensure for part-time peace officers. This bill passed the House 100-22 and the Senate 54-11.	[News Release]
5/14/14	**Governor Dayton Signs Smartphone "Kill Switch" Legislation**	Governor Dayton signs nation-leading legislation for all new smartphones sold in Minnesota after July 1, 2015, to have an anti-theft "kill switch" function. This will allow smartphone owners to remotely disable their smartphone if it is lost or stolen.	[News Release] [Photo]
5/14/14	**Governor Dayton Signs Second Chance Expungement Bill**	Governor Dayton signs a bill that will give a second chance to thousands of Minnesotans who are taking honest steps to support themselves and their families.	[News Release] [Photo]
5/15/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Broadband Agreement**	Members of a legislative conference committee reach agreement on a $20 million investment in broadband infrastructure this session.	[News Release]
5/15/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Medical hj Compromise**	Negotiators in the Minnesota House and Senate announce a compromise on medical marijuana that Governor Dayton has confirmed he would sign into law.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**New Law Cuts Redundant Record-Keeping Requirements For More Than 120,000 Minnesota Businesses**	By signing a key Unsession measure into law, Governor Dayton cuts in half the time Minnesota businesses are required to keep Unemployment Insurance tax records on file.	[News Release] [Video]
5/16/14	**New Law Makes It Easier For Veterans To Become Police Officers In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs a bill eliminating unnecessary barriers in state law that prevent military police officers from transitioning into service on civilian police forces.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On 2014 Legislative Session**	The Minnesota Legislature tonight concludes the 2014 Legislative Session. Throughout the weekend, Governor Dayton will review pending legislation.	[News Release\]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Education**	Chapter 247, SF 1722: This bill adds art therapist, music therapist, and audiologist to the list of positions defined as teachers. This passed the House 76-53 and the Senate 49-13.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Court Claims**	Chapter 252, HF3241: This bill provides for the settlement of certain claims against the state. The bill authorizes certain payments by the Department of Corrections and the Department of Transportation. This passed the House 83-42 and the Senate 54-0.	[News Release]

5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 253, HF1984: This bill enhances accountability and transparency in public construction projects by creating a definition for a responsible contractor. This bill passed the House 84-38 and the Senate 59-0.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Parks**	Chapter 256, HF 1926: This natural resources bill appropriates money for the Outdoor Heritage Fund and includes provisions for acquiring property with money from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The bill modifies restoration evaluation requirements and updates parks and trails fund appropriations. This passed the House 90-39 and the Senate 49-10	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Lawsuits**	Chapter 257, HF 2090: This bill prohibits certain indemnification agreements. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Water**	Chapter 258, HF 2622: This bill abolishes the privatization of water or wastewater treatment law. This passed the House 101-19 and the Senate 38-24.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 259, SF 2546: This public safety bill clarifies predatory offender registration requirements; and clarifies sentencing for criminal sexual conduct in the third degree. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 260, HF 263: This public safety bill amends the definition of "crime of violence" in firearm law. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 261, HF 2684: This transportation bill updates requirements for graduated driver's licensing. This passed the House 84-45 and the Senate 50-5.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 263, SF 2736: This public safety bill authorizes counties to use GPS to monitor domestic abuse offenders. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elections**	Chapter 264, SF 2390: This bill makes technical and minor policy changes to statute election administration, voting, voter registration, absentee ballots, and regular ballots. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to do an annual security assessment of the online voter registration and absentee ballot application systems.	[News Release]

		This passed the House 130-0 and the Senate 49-7.	
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Campaigning And Elections**	Chapter 265, SF 2782: This campaign finance bill increases contribution limits for local campaigns and requires local campaign reports to be available online. This passed the House 121-10 and the Senate 49-2.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 266, HF 2188: This bill removes gendered language from deeds and mortgages. The bill also clarifies transfer on death deeds. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Veterans**	Chapter 267, HF 2812: This bill designates the month of October as Veterans' Voices Month in the State of Minnesota. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 269, HF 2925: This public safety bill appropriates money to compensate wrongfully imprisoned individuals who have been exonerated. This passed the House 126-3 and the Senate 60-0.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 270, HF 1851: This public safety bill enhances the penalties for repeat criminal sexual conduct offenders. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Revisor's Bill**	Chapter 275, HF 2546: This is the Revisor's bill. The bill corrects erroneous, ambiguous, and obsolete references. The bill also removes redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions and makes corrections to laws, statutes, and rules. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 276, SF 2268: This metropolitan transit bill expands the scope of jurisdiction of the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee. This passed the House 83-46 and the Senate 62-0.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Environment**	Chapter 277, SF 2192: This environment bill prohibits and regulates some lead and mercury products such as thermometers and wheel weights. The bill modifies a ban on formaldehyde in children's products and prohibits some cleaning products like hand soap and body wash containing triclosan after	[News Release]

		January 1, 2017. This passed the House 110-19 and the Senate 58-0.	
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 278, SF 2466: This public safety bill requires law enforcement to have a tracking warrant to receive electronic device location information. This passed the House 130-0 and the Senate 63-1.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 279, HF 2180: This bill requires competitive bidding for health coverage for school district employees. This passed the House 78-50 and the Senate 40-27.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Service Recognition**	Chapter 280, HF 2092: This bill authorizes a special license plate for retired firefighters and a special motorcycle plate for veterans wounded in combat. This passed the House 129-0 and the Senate 63-3.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 281, SF 2887: This transportation bill eliminates barriers for state agencies to purchase of electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. This passed the House 119-10 and the Senate 58-0.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**DNR Rolls Out New Online Water Permit Application**	The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources rolls out a newly designed web-based system that simplifies the steps to getting water permits and paying for them online.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Natural Resources**	Chapter 248, SF 2454: This natural resources bill modifies and repeals obsolete laws and provides for regulatory efficiencies. The bill contains 37 Unsession provisions, and passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Commerce**	Chapter 249, HF 2695: This commerce bill modifies the requirements for Department of Commerce licensee education. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Human Services**	Chapter 250, HF 2467: This human services bill streamlines requirements for human services background studies. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Consumer Protections**	Chapter 254, HF 2834: This energy bill provides stronger consumer protections for propane customers. It updates several provisions, including low-income rate discounts, electric vehicle charging tariffs, on-bill repayment programs, energy efficiency programs, emissions	[News Release]

		reduction planning, solar energy systems, and low-income home energy assistance. The bill also repeals certain obsolete administrative rules. This bill passed the House 82-40 and the Senate 46-12.	
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 255, HF 3072: This transportation bill modernizes provisions governing motor vehicles and eliminates antiquated, unnecessary, and obsolete provisions. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Human Services**	Chapter 262, HF 2950: This human services bill removes obsolete provisions from statute. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To State Department Administration**	Chapter 271, HF 2948: This Unsession bill repeals obsolete, redundant, and unnecessary laws administered by the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Metropolitan Council, and MN.IT. This bill passed the House 114-15 and the Senate 58-0.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Education**	Chapter 272, HF 2397: This education bill modifies provisions for early childhood and family, kindergarten through grade 12, and adult education including general education, education excellence, English learners and language proficiency, special programs, nutrition, and libraries. This bill passed the House 80-49 and the Senate 37-27.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Public Services**	Chapter 273, HF 2995: This Unsession bill simplifies requirements in the towing process. This bill passed the House 119-0 and the Senate 55-1.	[News Release]
5/16/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Relating To Technology Usage**	Chapter 274, HF 2236: This state government bill makes changes to the open meeting law, including adding a provision for social media use. This bill passed the House 75-52 and the Senate 40-19.	[News Release]
5/20/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Minnesota Hosting The 2018 Super Bowl**	Minnesota secures bid to host the 2018 Super Bowl.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Lawmaker Pay**	Chapter 282, HF 3169: Modifies a proposed constitutional amendment to remove lawmakers' power to set their own pay. This bill establishes a legislative salary council, if the	[News Release]

		constitutional amendment passes. This passed the House 68-62 and the Senate 40-25.	
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 283, HF 2989: This bill regulates certain filings, recordings, and registrations between business organizations and the secretary of state. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Data Transparency**	Chapter 284, HF 183: This bill enhances penalties and procedures for unauthorized access of data by public employees. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 285, HF 2446: This bill gives the Board of Pharmacy cease and desist authority to prevent the sale of synthetic drugs. The bill also modifies laws governing misbranding drugs, adulterated drugs, and provides that when a person is convicted for selling a controlled substance under false pretense of being legal, they must pay mandatory restitution. This bill passed the House 129-0 and the Senate 55-2.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elections**	Chapter 288, HF 2166: This bill allows local governments to use electronic rosters to administer elections and sets minimum technology standards electronic rosters must have. The bill also requires an evaluation of electronic rosters during the 2014 General Election. This passed the House 130-0 and the Senate 53-3.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Metropolitan Council**	Chapter 292, SF 2255: This bill grants the Metropolitan Council additional investment authority and authorizes certain investments by a Minnesota joint powers investment trust. This passed the House 73-57 and the Senate 34-24.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Employees**	Chapter 296, HF 1951: This retirement bill updates and modifies a variety of provisions related to retirement benefits for state employees. This passed the House 79-52 and the Senate 38-24.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 297, HF 1981: This transportation bill eliminates the sunset of certain snow removal authorities. This passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 298, HF 2255: This public safety bill clarifies the scope of the ignition interlock device program for	[News Release]

		criminal vehicular operation. This passed the House 72-57 and the Senate 55-0.	
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Environment**	Chapter 299, HF 2798: This bill prohibits plants treated with pollinator lethal insecticide from being labeled or advertised as beneficial to pollinators. This passed the House 111-17 and the Senate 60-0.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 300, HF 2881: This bill amends the regulation of motor carriers for railroad employees. This passed the House 77-50 and the Senate 53-10.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Fees**	Chapter 301, HF 155: This bill increases the maximum fees permitted to be charged by notaries public. This passed the House 82-47 and the Senate 45-16.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Court Safety**	Chapter 302, HF 1226: This bill provides enhanced penalties for causing the death of or assaulting a prosecuting attorney or judge. This passed the House 128-1 and the Senate 55-0	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Property Values**	Chapter 304, SF 2175: This bill prohibits state agencies from paying more than ten percent over the appraised value of a property, when acquiring property. This passed the House 122-10 and the Senate 51-15.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workplace Safety**	Chapter 305, SF 2065: This bill makes the Department of Labor and Industry's Contractor Registration Pilot Program permanent, aligns Minnesota's apprenticeship laws with the federal standards, and modifies municipal building code enforcement. The bill provides an exception to certain high pressure boiler requirements and requires a workgroup to study plumbing at certain resorts. This passed the House 82-48 and the Senate 40-18.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Financial Fraud**	Chapter 306, SF 1360: This bill extends extending the felony crime of fraudulent or improper financing statements. The crime now includes retaliation against a police officer, chief of police, or official or employee of the Department of Corrections, or local correctional agency. This passed the House 132-0 and the Senate 55-1.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Finances**	Chapter 307, SF 2343: This state government bill modifies investment	[News Release]

		reporting. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Campaign Financing**	Chapter 309, HF 2531: This campaign finance bill increases the transparency of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board's operations and requires public officials to include more financial information on their statements of economic interest. The bill also makes various technical and clarifying changes to Chapter 10A. This passed the House 70-61 and the Senate 59-2.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Insurance Fraud**	Chapter 310, HF 3073: This insurance bill modifies regulations to reduce insurance fraud; no-fault auto benefits and establishes a task force on motor vehicle insurance coverage verification. This bill passed the House 72-55 and the Senate 41-21.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Advisory Groups**	Chapter 286, HF 1863: This Unsession bill modifies laws governing certain executive branch advisory groups. This bill passed the House 103-26 and the Senate 57-1.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Transportation**	Chapter 287, HF 2214: This transportation bill clarifies contract and project requirements. The bill also modifies U-turn rules; requirements for covered farm vehicles and reporting requirements. This bill passed the House 111-19 and the Senate 55-6.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Natural Resources**	Chapter 289, HF 2733: This natural resources bill modifies all-terrain vehicle and off-highway motorcycle provisions; the landfill cleanup program; provisions related to environmental impact statements, Water Law, forestry and invasive species provisions. The bill prohibits tampering with off-road recreational vehicle odometers. This bill passed the House 106-24 and the Senate 56-2.	[News Release]
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Natural Resources**	Chapter 290, HF 2852: This natural resources bill updates and eliminates obsolete language. The bill modifies game and fish laws; the use of vehicles for hunting; provisions for taking wild animals; requirements of raffles with a wild game or fish taking event; provisions for wildlife management areas, trespassing, license provisions and fees; and disability-related angling and hunting licenses and special	[News Release]

		permit provisions. This bill passed the House 129-1 and the Senate 62-0.	
5/21/14	**Governor Dayton Signs An Unsession Bill Related To Health And Human Services**	Chapter 291, HF 2402: This bill updates health and human services policy provisions. The bill modifies provisions for children and family services, health services, chemical and mental health services, health-related occupations, the Department of Health, public health, continuing care, public assistance programs, and health care. The bill establishes grounds for disciplinary action for health professionals and regulates the sale and use of e-cigarettes. This bill passed the House 93-35 and the Senate 52-13.	[News Release]
5/22/14	**Wabasha Bridge To Be Named "Michael Duane Clickner Memorial Bridge"**	Governor Dayton signs a bill into law designating the Wabasha Bridge over the Mississippi River on marked Trunk Highway 60, be named "Michael Duane Clickner Memorial Bridge."	[News Release]
5/26/14	**Governor Dayton's Remarks At The Fort Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony**	Governor Dayton's remarks as prepared for delivery at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony.	[News Release]
5/27/14	**Unsession Delivers 1,200 Ways To Make Government Work Better**	During the 2014 Unsession, Governor Dayton and the Legislature successfully enacted nearly 1,200 ways to make state government work better.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Unsession Unneeded Laws] [FACT SHEET: Unsession Plain Language] [FACT SHEET: Unsession Permitting Reform] [FACT SHEET: Unsession Simpler Taxes]
5/28/14	**Hormel Institute Expansion**	The Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota celebrates the start of a new expansion project to nearly double in size and greatly enhance its world-class cancer research.	[News Release]
5/28/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Data Practices Act**	The Governor signs Chapter 293, Senate File 1770, with the exception of line item vetoes for Page 1, lines 1.15-1.17.	[News Release] [Line Item Veto Letter]
5/29/14	**Construction Underway For New Affordable-Housing Community**	CommonBond Veterans Housing transforms five historic structures at Fort Snelling into affordable housing	[News Release]

		for homeless veterans and their families.	
5/30/14	**Governor Dayton Vetoes A Bill Relating To Lawful Gambling**	Chapter 303, SF 2642: This lawful gambling bill modifies games, prizes, and other provisions to regulate charitable gambling. The bill prohibits the director of the state lottery from offering casino-style games and suspends the sale of certain lottery tickets through a Web site or self-service devices. This passed the House 126-2 and the Senate 56-5.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/30/14	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Legislative Clean-Up**	Chapter 313, HF 3302: This bill corrects miscellaneous oversights, inconsistencies, ambiguities, unintended results, and technical errors. This bill passed the House 128-2 and the Senate 58-0.	[News Release]
6/3/14	**Minnesota Launches Bid For NCAA Final Four Tournament**	Governor Dayton announces an organized campaign to bring the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Final Four men's basketball tournament to Minnesota.	[News Release]
6/4/14	**Governor Dayton To Visit Trapshooting Championship In Alexandria, Minnesota**	Governor Dayton is scheduled to attend the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League's 2014 Championship for the opening ceremonies on in Alexandria, Minnesota.	[News Release]
6/4/14	**Governor Dayton Serves Breakfast To Coon Rapids Elementary Students**	Governor Dayton is joined at Morris Bye Elementary School by Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, state Senator Alice Johnson, and state Representative Jerry Newton to highlight the provision passed this session to ensure all kindergartners have access to a free and healthy breakfast.	[News Release]
6/5/14	**River's Edge Convention Center To Be Completed**	The Jobs Bill enacted this session will provide $11.6 million in state funding to complete the remaining work on the St. Cloud's River's Edge Convention Center that has been fourteen years in the making.	[News Release]
6/10/14	**Governor Dayton, Workers Celebrate Wage Increase For High-Quality In-Home Care**	Governor Dayton and the Legislature enact a 5% increase in reimbursement rates for home care workers, on top of a 1% increase enacted last year.	[News Release]

6/11/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On University Of Minnesota Health Insurance Study**	The University of Minnesota releases a new study showing that 180,500 Minnesotans have gained access to quality, affordable health insurance.	[News Release]
6/11/14	**Governor Dayton, Minnesota Congressional Delegation Meet With Secretary Of The Interior To Push For Federal Funding For Lewis And Clark Water Project**	U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar leads a meeting with Governor Dayton, Senator Al Franken, Representatives Collin Peterson and Tim Walz, and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to continue pressing the Administration to complete the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System (LCRWS).	[News Release]
6/11/14	**Governor Dayton Issues An Emergency Executive Order For Nuclear Safety**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 14-10, directing the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs to provide personnel and equipment for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant safety exercises and related activities.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
6/13/14	**Albert Lea's Fountain Lake To Benefit From Environmental Improvements**	Governor Dayton participates in a ceremonial signing for a piece of legislation passed during the 2014 Legislative Session, which invests $7.5 million in environmental improvements for Fountain Lake aimed at improving water quality, fishing, and recreational opportunities.	[News Release] [Photo]
6/13/14	**Rochester Mayo Civic Center Expansion To Be Completed**	The Jobs Bill enacted this session provides $35 million to complete the remaining work on The Rochester Mayo Civic Center Expansion, expected to create more than 1,000 new jobs, including 700 construction jobs and 300 permanent positions.	[News Release] [Photo]
6/15/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Medtronic**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on Medtronic's plans to acquire an Irish company.	[News Release]
6/16/14	**Cardiovascular Systems Planning $30 Million Expansion**	Medical device manufacturer Cardiovascular Systems Inc. announces plans to build a $30 million headquarters in New Brighton and to expand its workforce with 205 new, high-paying jobs within two years.	[News Release]

6/17/14	**Governor Dayton Helps Break Ground On New Office Tower In Duluth**	Governor Dayton, Duluth Mayor Don Ness, local officials, and area business leaders break ground on a new $70 million office tower in downtown Duluth.	[News Release] [Photo]
6/18/14	**Daikin Applied Americas Adding 40 Jobs In Owatonna**	Plymouth-based Daikin Applied Americas Inc. announces plans for a $9 million expansion project that will create 40 jobs at its manufacturing facility in Owatonna.	[News Release]
6/19/14	**Minnesota Ranks First On AARP's Long-Term Care Scorecard**	Efforts to help older adults and people with disabilities live at home and receive high-quality services positioned the state to rank first again on a national scorecard. Minnesota is named number one among states on the 2014 State Long Term Services and Support Scorecard, sponsored by the AARP, The Commonwealth Fund and The Scan Foundation.	[News Release]
6/19/14	**Governor Declares State Of Emergency: National Guard Activated, EOC Moves To Full Activation**	Governor Dayton declares a State of Emergency in 35 Minnesota counties following recent storms and flooding. The Executive Order makes a wide range of state resources available and engages state agencies in response efforts.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
6/23/14	**Governor Dayton Announces $19.6 Million In Americorps Grants To Minnesota Service Organizations**	Governor Dayton announces that ServeMinnesota, the governor-appointed commission on national and community service, has received $19,595,887 in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service - the largest competitive grant amount received by any one state.	[News Release]
6/24/14	**Peacetime State Of Emergency Extended In Response To Continued Flooding**	Governor Dayton and Minnesota's Executive Council vote unanimously to extend Executive Order 14-11 for a period of 30 days.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
6/24/14	**Capital Safety Adding 100 Jobs In Red Wing**	Capital Safety, a global provider of fall protection equipment for workers in construction, oil and gas, utilities and other industries, announces a 60,000-square- foot expansion project that will create 100 jobs at its operations in Red Wing.	[News Release]

6/26/14	**Sign-Zone Inc. Moving Operations To Brooklyn Center**	Visual display company Sign-Zone Inc. announces plans to move its operations to Brooklyn Center and expand its workforce by 25 employees. The new jobs are expected to pay between $14 and $28 an hour.	[News Release]
6/30/14	**New Investments In Home And Community Services Begin July 1**	Providers serving people with disabilities and older Minnesotans in their homes and other community settings will receive a 5 percent rate increase, effective July 1.	[News Release]
6/30/14	**Corridors Of Commerce Projects Get Underway Statewide, Four New Projects Receive Funding**	Minnesota's Corridors of Commerce program begins its first project, a $28.3 million expansion of Interstate 94 that will reduce congestion over the Crow River between the cities of Rogers and St. Michael.	[News Release]
7/1/14	**Vision Processing Technologies Expanding In Owatonna**	Food ingredients maker Vision Processing Technologies expands operations in Owatonna with 20 new jobs and a 15,000-square-foot building addition.	[News Release]
7/1/14	**New State Rail Safety Regulations Now In Effect**	Laws improving the safety of Minnesotans who live and work near railways that carry crude oil and other hazardous materials go into effect today, July 1.	[News Release]
7/1/14	**New Law To Protect Health And Safety Of Minnesota Dogs And Cats**	New state regulations to protect the health and safety of dogs and cats by creating licensing and inspection requirements for commercial dog and cat breeders take effect today.	[News Release]
7/1/14	**Minnesota Management And Budget Increases Budget Reserve By $150 Million**	July 1, 2014, marks the first increase in the state budget reserve account in 13 years.	[News Release]
7/1/14	**Minnesota Celebrates New First-In-The-Nation Standards For Renewable Fuels**	Known as B10, a required 10 percent biodiesel blend will be sold annually from April 1 through September 30. A five percent mixture that works better in Minnesota's winter weather, called B5, will be used between October and late March each year.	[News Release]
7/7/14	**Largest Veterans Career Fair In Minnesota**	The 2014 Minnesota Veterans Career Fair to be held in Brooklyn Center on Wednesday, July 9.	[News Release]
7/8/14	**New Pilot Program Offers Free Hotel Accommodations For Military Veterans Searching For Jobs In Minnesota**	Minnesota joins three other states in a new pilot program that provides free hotel accommodations to veterans conducting job searches outside the regions where they live.	[News Release]

7/9/14	**Minnesota To Receive Up To $5 Million In Federal Highway Funds Following Statewide Flooding**	The U.S. Department of Transportation assures the State of Minnesota that the state will receive up to $5 million in "Quick Release" emergency relief funds to help fix the state's flood-damaged roads.	[News Release] [U.S. Department of Transportation Release]
7/9/14	**Governor Dayton Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration**	Governor Dayton requests that President Barack Obama declare a major disaster in Minnesota as a result of heavy rainstorms and flooding that began June 11.	[News Release] [Letter to President Obama] [Emergency Executive Order 14-12]
7/10/14	**The Toro Company Celebrates 100th Anniversary**	The Toro Company celebrates its 100th anniversary as more than 2,000 employees, retirees, channel and business partners, and other valued guests gather at the company's headquarters in Bloomington, Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Photo]
7/11/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Steel Dumping Ruling**	The U.S. Department of Commerce rules in favor of Minnesota workers whose jobs were put at risk due to the illegal dumping of steel in U.S. markets.	[News Release] [Steel Dumping Letter to President Obama]
7/15/14	**Mayo Clinic Earns The Ranking Of Best Hospital In The Nation For 2014-2015**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the news that Mayo Clinic received the highest honor in U.S. News and World Report's ranking of top hospitals, making it the best hospital in the country. Mayo Clinic earned more number one rankings than any other provider, ranking number one or number two in 11 of the 12 specialties based on reputation, services and volumes, safety and clinical outcomes.	[News Release]
7/15/14	**Governor Dayton To Open USA Cup At National Sports Center In Blaine**	Governor Dayton will participate in the Opening Ceremonies of the 30th Annual Schwan's USA Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament.	[News Release]
7/16/14	**Rock County Receives Usda Disaster Declaration Following Flooding**	The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) designates Rock County, Minnesota, as a primary natural disaster area.	[News Release] [USDA Letter to Governor Dayton]
7/17/14	**Minnesota Looks To Build On Clean Energy Progress, Create Jobs**	Clean energy experts from across the state and nation gather in Minneapolis to discuss strategies to strengthen Minnesota's clean energy economy and align the state's economic development policies with growth opportunities in the clean energy industry.	[News Release] [Minnesota's Clean Energy Economy]

7/18/14	**Governor Dayton Meets With Local Leaders To Discuss Next Steps On Lewis And Clark Water Project**	Governor Dayton travels to Luverne to meet with local officials and area legislators to discuss next steps in advancing the construction of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System.	[News Release]
7/21/14	**Governor Dayton Secures Presidential Disaster Declaration**	President Barack Obama declares a major disaster in Minnesota after widespread flooding across the state.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's July 9th Letter to President Obama]
7/23/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Proposed Federal Railway Safety Regulations**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the U.S. Department of Transportation's new regulations to enhance the safety of trains that transport crude oil across the country, including trains that travel through Minnesota.	[News Release] [U.S. Department of Transportation Release]
7/23/14	**State It Reforms Have Saved Minnesota Taxpayers $27.4 Million**	The overhaul of Minnesota's information technology administration and services has saved state taxpayers over $27.4 million to date. MN.IT Services expects to save at least another $7 million under these new reforms by the end of this year.	[News Release]
7/23/14	**Governor Dayton Releases Tax Returns**	Governor Dayton releases his 2013 tax returns.	[News Release] [2013 Tax Returns]
7/29/14	**SRC Plant Expands; Will Add Up To 30 Skilled Jobs**	The new $4 million addition to SRC's Plant will result in new jobs created over the next three years for highly skilled workers, according to Rob Holt, SRC's President and CEO. The privately held company employs more than 350 people at its three facilities.	[News Release]
7/29/14	**Minnesota's Minimum-Wage Increases Aug. 1**	Minnesota's minimum-wage rates rise up to $8 an hour beginning Aug. 1, 2014. It's the state's first wage increase in nearly a decade.	[News Release]
7/30/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On The Death Of Mendota Heights Police Officer**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the death of Mendota Heights Police Officer Scott Patrick.	[News Release]
7/31/14	**PERBIX Moving To Brooklyn Park**	Manufacturing and engineering services provider PERBIX announces its plans to move operations to Brooklyn Park and create 12 new jobs.	[News Release]
7/31/14	**Over 200 Rochester Families Benefit From Early Learning Scholarships**	More than 200 Rochester families benefit from new Early Learning Scholarships funded by Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature.	[News Release] [Photo]
7/31/14	**Governor Dayton Declares August 3-9 Farmers Market Week**	Governor Dayton proclaims August 3-9, 2014, as "Farmers Market Week" in Minnesota to celebrate the benefits of farmers markets and the agricultural products farmers provide.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

8/1/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Flood-Affected Counties**	The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management announces the federal government has added 24 more counties and two tribal governments to the President's Disaster Declaration following this summer's flooding.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Public Safety Release]
8/1/14	**Polaris Partners With Minnesota Job Creation Fund For Twin Cities Expansion**	Polaris Industries Inc. creates 100 new jobs in conjunction with a $20 million office expansion project in Plymouth. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) assists on the expansion with $800,000 from the Minnesota Job Creation Fund.	[News Release]
8/1/14	**Lt. Governor Prettner Solon Selected For National Lt. Governors Association Leadership Committee**	Lt. Governor Prettner Solon is selected to serve on the National Lt. Governors Association (NLGA) leadership committee. As a member of the committee, Lt. Governor Prettner Solon will help guide the organization's work on issues impacting the states.	[News Release]
8/1/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Sir Paul Mccartney Day In Minnesota**	Marking the musician's fourth concert appearance in Minnesota, Governor Dayton proclaims Saturday, August 2, 2014, to be Sir Paul McCartney Day in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/1/14	**Governor Dayton Launches Blue Ribbon Committee To Enhance National Prominence Of University Of Minnesota Medical School**	Fifty years after declaring a pre-Med major in college, Governor Dayton launches a milestone effort to enhance the national prominence of the University of Minnesota Medical School.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/1/14	**99% Of Job-Creating Permits Now Completed In 150 Days Or Less**	Business permits that used to take months, and sometimes even years for state agencies to complete, are now being issued in less than 150 days.	[News Release] [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Report]
8/4/14	**Governor Dayton Directs State Agencies To Increase Hiring Of Minnesotans With Disabilities**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 14-14, which directs all state government agencies to increase their employment of Minnesotans with disabilities.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/5/14	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Police Officer Scott Patrick**	In honor of Police Officer Scott Patrick, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

8/6/14	**Tougher Law, New Resources Add To Fight Against Synthetic Drugs**	Human Services Commissioner Lucinda Jesson announces the launch of a new website, KnowTheDangers.com, designed to provide resources and information for parents, youth, educators, health care professionals and others who may encounter synthetic drugs.	[News Release] [New Website]
8/6/14	**Redwood Falls To Be Proclaimed A Yellow Ribbon City**	The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Proclamation recognizes the combined efforts of key areas within a community to support Service members, veterans and military families and enable successful transition into the workplace for those who are returning from deployments.	[News Release]
8/6/14	**Custom Products Of Litchfield Expanding Operations**	Custom Products of Litchfield Inc., a maker of cabs and operator protective structures used on off-highway vehicles for the industrial market, invests more than $2 million and is projected to add 31 jobs in an expansion of its manufacturing plant.	[News Release]
8/7/14	**Minnesota Receives Additional $5 Million In Federal Highway Funds Following Statewide Flooding**	The Federal Highway Administration allocates an additional $5 million in emergency funds to help cover the costs of emergency repairs to Minnesota roads and bridges.	[News Release] [U.S. Department of Transportation Release]
8/7/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Farm Family Recognition Day**	Governor Dayton proclaims today "Farm Family Recognition Day" to honor the more than 66,000 family farms in Minnesota and their contributions to communities statewide.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/8/14	**Minnesota Community Action Partnership Conference**	Governor Dayton travels to Duluth to speak at the Minnesota Community Action Partnership 50th Anniversary Conference.	[News Release]
8/11/14	**Governor Dayton To Hold Railway Safety Meetings In Communities Across Minnesota**	Governor Dayton holds the first in a series of statewide railway safety meetings in Little Canada.	[News Release] [State Rail Safety Legislation]
8/13/14	**Mankato Civic Center Expansion To Be Completed**	The Mankato Civic Center is on track to be completed, due in part to Governor Dayton's Jobs Bill. The Civic Center expansion will create more than 450 new construction jobs and generate an annual $50 million economic impact.	[News Release]

8/14/14	**Blue Ribbon Committee On UMN Medical School Begins Work Next Week**	The Blue Ribbon Committee on the University of Minnesota Medical School launched by Governor Dayton will hold its first meeting next Tuesday, August 19th.	[News Release]
8/14/14	**Local Leaders Break Ground On Southwest Regional Sports Center**	Plans to build the Southwest Regional Sports Center are underway in Marshall. Altogether, construction of the new facility is expected to create 500 new jobs and draw visitors from across the region for sporting events, conventions, and other events.	[News Release]
8/14/14	**Action Manufacturing In Marshall Set To Expand, Create New Jobs**	Launched by Tim Swenson in 2000, Action Manufacturing plans a $1.4 million expansion that will enable the company to ramp up production and add 10 jobs paying approximately $15 per hour, including benefits.	[News Release]
8/20/14	**Minnesota Students Outperform Nation On ACT**	For the ninth year in a row, Minnesota high school seniors are top in the nation on the ACT.	[News Release]
8/20/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Princess Kay Of The Milky Way Day**	Governor Dayton declares today "Princess Kay of the Milky Way Day" in Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation recognizes the long-standing State Fair tradition, and the contributions of more than 3,600 Minnesota dairy farm families statewide.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/21/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On The Addition Of Hennepin And Ramsey Counties To Federal Disaster Declaration**	The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces that Hennepin and Ramsey counties have been added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration designation, making available federal funds for emergency relief and reconstruction assistance following June flooding.	[News Release]
8/21/14	**Governor Dayton Takes ALS "Ice Bucket Challenge" At State Fair**	Governor Dayton takes the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge at the Minnesota State Fair, while participating in an interview on ESPN 1500's "Garage Logic" with Joe Soucheray.	[News Release] [Video] [Photo] [ALS Ice Bucket Challenge]
8/22/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On ITC Steel Dumping Decision**	Following the strong urging of Governor Dayton, the International Trade Commission (ITC) votes to impose penalties on South Korea and five other countries for illegally dumping steel products in the United States.	[News Release] [Letter to President Obama] [Letter to the U.S. International Trade Commission]

8/22/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims All-You-Can-Drink Milk Day**	Governor Dayton proclaims Saturday, August 23, 2014, as "All-You-Can-Drink Milk Day" in Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation recognizes the 60th anniversary of All-You-Can-Drink Milk at the fair, and the contributions of more than 3,600 Minnesota dairy farm families statewide.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/27/14	**Menasha Packaging Expanding In Lakeville**	Wisconsin-based corrugated display and packaging manufacturer Menasha Packaging creates 15 jobs and invest $7 million in an expansion of its operations in Lakeville.	[News Release]
8/27/14	**Governor Dayton Urges Federal Government To Act On Grain Shipment Delays**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB), urging the board to promote changes to Class I railroads to eliminate the severe backlog of grain shipments for Minnesota farmers.	[News Release] [Letter to the federal Surface Transportation Board] [Department of Agriculture Study]
8/28/14	**20 Year Anniversary Of Senior Linkage® Line**	Governor Dayton proclaims August 28, 2014, “Senior LinkAge Line One Stop Shop for Older Minnesotans Day” in honor of the 20th year of the service.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Senior LinkAge Line]
8/29/14	**Southwest Light Rail Transit Municipal Consent Process Completed**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the news that the Metropolitan Council announced the conclusion of the Southwest LRT municipal consent process, following a Minneapolis City Council vote.	[News Release]
8/29/14	**Governor Dayton Issues A Letter To The Flood Diversion Authority**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to the Flood Diversion Authority, expressing his concerns with the Fargo-Moorhead Area Flood Diversion Project.	[News Release] [Letter to the Flood Diversion Authority]
9/2/14	**First Day Of The 2014 – 2015 School Year**	On the first day back to school, Governor Dayton wishes students and teachers success.	[News Release]
9/2/14	**Moorhead Fire Department Receives $100,000 In State Funding For Rail Safety Emergency Response Equipment And Training**	Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety announces that the Moorhead Fire Department will receive $100,000 in state funding to staff and train an Emergency Response Team, and upgrade and expand the city's emergency response equipment.	[News Release]

9/9/14	**Governor Dayton Reconvenes Stakeholders For Discussion On Propane Supply And Demand**	After an unprecedented propane shortage last winter, Governor Dayton convenes a propane summit in a proactive effort to help mitigate propane supply shortages in the winter months ahead.	[News Release]
9/10/14	**Patriot Day And A Day Of Service And Remembrance**	In observance of the thirteenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/12/14	**Governor Dayton Named To National Governors Association Education And Workforce Committee**	Governor Dayton is named as a member of the National Governors Association (NGA) Education and Workforce Committee.	[News Release]
9/16/14	**Rochester Workforce Center Holds Grand Opening**	The new Rochester WorkForce Center holds a grand opening celebration at its new location at Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC).	[News Release]
9/18/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On August Jobs Report**	The monthly jobs report from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) shows Minnesota employers added 6,100 new jobs during the month of August.	[News Release]
9/18/14	**One Of The Largest Gigabit Networks In The United States Coming To Northern Minnesota**	Paul Bunyan Communications announces that it is launching the GigaZone, their new advanced regional Gigabit fiber network that will be one of the largest Gigabit networks in the country.	[News Release]
9/18/14	**Governor Dayton Meets With Students And Teachers At Garfield Elementary In Brainerd**	With thousands of students across the state returning to school this month, Governor Dayton visits Brainerd, meeting with kindergarten students and teachers at Garfield Elementary.	[News Release] [Photo]
9/19/14	**Polaris Industries' 60th Anniversary Celebration**	Governor Dayton visits Roseau today to participate in Polaris Industries' 60th Anniversary celebration	[News Release]
9/19/14	**DEED Awards $1.7 Million For Redevelopment; Projects Expected To Create Or Retain 5,700 Jobs**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards four grants and one loan for redevelopment projects in Minnesota that are expected to create or retain more than 5,700 jobs.	[News Release]

9/22/14	**Governor Takes Executive Actions To Protect Children From Abuse**	Governor Dayton makes immediate changes to the child protection system, and establishes a new Governor's Task Force on the Protection of Children. The Task Force, appointed by the Governor, will make specific recommendations for comprehensive improvements to the child protection system in the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
9/23/14	**Park Industries Expanding In St. Cloud**	Stone-processing equipment manufacturer Park Industries Inc. announces plans to invest in its operations and expand its facility in St. Cloud.	[News Release]
9/24/14	**Minnesota Receives $36 Million In Federal Grants For Veterans Homes**	Governor Dayton announces that the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) will receive two federal grants totaling $36 million for the expansion, modernization, and improvement of four Minnesota veterans' homes.	[News Release]
9/24/14	**DEED Accepting Applications For Broadband Grants**	State officials accept applications for funding to expand broadband infrastructure in areas of Minnesota that don't have adequate high-speed Internet service.	[News Release] [Application Materials]
9/25/14	**Lewis And Clark Awards Pipeline Contract For Luverne Connection**	The Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System award a $16.5 million pipeline contract to Carstensen Contracting of Pipestone, MN, which was more than two million less than the engineer's estimate.	[News Release]
9/26/14	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags To Half-Staff In Observation Of The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service**	In honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 28, 2014.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/26/14	**Governor Dayton Announces Plans For Minnesota Pheasant Summit**	Governor Dayton announces plans to convene the state's first-ever Minnesota Pheasant Summit.	[News Release]
9/29/14	**Minnesota Receives $17 Million In Federal Grants For Workforce Training**	Minnesota receives $17 million in federal grants to train workers for jobs in high-demand fields. The grants, awarded to 14 campuses across the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system, will provide education and workforce training for good-paying jobs in	[News Release] [U.S. Department of Labor Release] [Letter to the U.S. Department of Labor]

		construction and advanced manufacturing.	
9/30/14	**Brainerd Public School District, Others, Receive National Awards For Blue Ribbon Schools**	the U.S. Department of Education announces eight schools in Minnesota have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools, including six schools in the Brainerd School District, ACGC Elementary School in Grove City, and Battle Lake Secondary School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that are making exemplary progress in closing achievement gaps or exemplary academic performance.	[News Release] [National Blue Ribbon School Program]
10/4/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-16**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 14-16, delivering emergency relief to help increase the supply of diesel fuel for farmers and other agricultural operations during the fall harvest.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
10/6/14	**Governor Dayton Meets With Students And Teachers At Congdon Park Elementary In Duluth**	Governor Dayton visits Duluth, meeting with kindergarten students and teachers at Congdon Park Elementary.	[News Release] [Photo]
10/7/14	**Governor Dayton Announces $70 Million Investment In 13 New Corridors Of Commerce Transportation Projects**	Governor Dayton today announces that construction on 13 more transportation projects will be accelerated thanks to new investments in the Corridors of Commerce initiative, and cost savings at the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).	[News Release] [MAP: Corridors of Commerce] [FACT SHEET: Corridors of Commerce]
10/9/14	**State Launches Initiatives To Encourage Small Business Growth**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) launches three new initiatives that offer assistance to help small businesses in Minnesota expand or improve their operations.	[News Release]
10/9/14	**Governor Dayton To Host Fourth Annual Governor's Pheasant Opener In Worthington**	Governor Dayton travels to Worthington to host the Fourth Annual Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.	[News Release]
10/10/14	**Mankato Named Host Community Of 2015 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener**	Governor Dayton announces Mankato has been chosen as the host community for the 2015 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.	[News Release]
10/13/14	**Governor Helps Dedicate New Lindau Lane Corridor In Bloomington**	Governor Dayton joins local leaders as the new Lindau Lane Corridor opened to traffic, improving a crucial artery of traffic to Mall of America. The new	[News Release]

		corridor project will foster economic development in Bloomington, improve the flow of traffic, and provide safer access to parking for the largest shopping mall in the United States.	
10/13/14	**Governor Dayton, Senator Klobuchar And Senator Franken Urge Federal Government To Include MSP Airport In Ebola Screenings**	As additional Ebola screenings get underway at five international airports across the country, Governor Dayton, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, are urging the federal government to include the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) in the enhanced screening effort.	[News Release] [Letter to the CDC] [Ebola Resources] [FACT SHEET: CDC Traveling]
10/14/14	**Unison Comfort Technologies Expanding Minneapolis Operations**	Unison Comfort Technologies, a manufacturer of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems for the commercial sector, expands its facilities in north Minneapolis and will add 75 jobs.	[News Release]
10/15/14	**Governor Dayton Helps Dedicate New Public Library In Ely**	To celebrate the opening of the new City of Ely public library accessible to individuals with disabilities, Governor Dayton travels to Ely for a dedication ceremony.	[News Release]
10/15/14	**$28 Million Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Opens On Iron Range**	The Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District (CIRSSD) Board hosts a ribbon cutting and open house to commemorate the commissioning of its new $28 million regional wastewater treatment facility serving the cities of Chisholm, Buhl, Kinney and the town of Great Scott.	[News Release]
10/16/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On New Jobs Report**	The monthly jobs report from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) show Minnesota employers added 7,200 new jobs during the month of September.	[News Release]
10/16/14	**Hwy 610 Extension Project Gets Underway In Maple Grove**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) breaks ground on a Corridors of Commerce project at the west end of the Highway 610 corridor in Maple Grove.	[News Release] [Highway 610 Project Information] [Photo]
10/20/14	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Manufacturers Week**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring the week of Oct. 19 to be Minnesota Manufacturers Week - highlighting the importance of the industry to the state's economy.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/21/14	**Minnesota Department Of Health Establishes Information Line For Minnesotans With Ebola Questions**	The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) establishes an Ebola Information Line as part of an ongoing effort to provide Minnesotans with information about Ebola.	[News Release]

10/21/14	**First Job Training Pilot Program Grants Awarded**	Three manufacturers in Greater Minnesota receive worker-training grants totaling $144,000 from the Job Training Incentive Pilot Program.	[News Release]
10/23/14	**$162 Million In Funding Announced For Housing Across Minnesota**	Minnesota Housing announces funding awards of nearly $162 million that will create and preserve affordable housing across the state. It will fund 78 rental and homeownership projects for a total of 4,000 housing units through a variety of financing sources.	[News Release]
10/24/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-17**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 14-17, which will help increase propane supplies across Minnesota, improving access for farmers during the autumn harvest and enhancing the state's preparedness for the winter heating season.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order] [Emergency Executive Order Amended]
10/27/14	**State To Carefully Monitor Recent Travelers From Ebola-Affected Regions**	Minnesota Governor Dayton and Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger announce the framework for Minnesota's plans to monitor the health of any individual returning to Minnesota after traveling from one of the countries in West Africa affected by the Ebola outbreak.	[News Release]
10/29/14	**Halloween At The Governor's Residence**	Governor Dayton calls all ghouls, goblins, and ghosts to celebrate Halloween at the Governor's Residence on Friday, October 31, if you dare. The gates of the Governor's Residence will be open from 5:00–7:00pm.	[News Release]
10/30/14	**Klobuchar, Franken, Nolan, Dayton: Unreliable Rail Shipments Of Coal Hurting Minnesota Electric Utilities, Could Push Up Rates For Consumers**	Minnesota leaders urge a key federal energy commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to protect Minnesota consumers from reduced utility reliability by forcing BNSF Railway Company to fix coal-delivery issues.	[News Release]
10/30/14	**Governor Dayton Encourages Minnesotans To Register For First-Ever Pheasant Summit**	Governor convenes hunters, farmers, conservationists, policymakers, and other stakeholders to discuss strategies to increase the state's pheasant population.	[News Release]
11/3/14	**Code42 Announces Planned Expansion Project**	The Minneapolis Community Development and Regulatory Service Committee recommend approval for a $70 million two-phase expansion project under consideration by Minneapolis-based software developer Code42.	[News Release] [Code 42]

11/6/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On IRRRB Commissioner Tony Sertich**	Tony Sertich, Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), announces he has taken a new position outside the administration.	[News Release]
11/7/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On House Of Representatives Leadership**	Governor Dayton congratulates new Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt, Majority Leader Joyce Peppin, and Minority Leader Paul Thissen for their victories.	[News Release]
11/14/14	**Minnesota To Host The 2019 NCAA Final Four Tournament**	Governor Dayton responds to the news that Minnesota won its bid to host the 2019 NCAA Final Four Tournament.	[News Release]
11/16/14	**Federal Deployment Of Minnesota National Guard**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the Secretary of Defense deploying nearly 700 Minnesota Army National Guard Soldiers from the Rosemount-based Infantry Division to West Africa to support Operation United Assistance.	[News Release]
11/18/14	**Governor Dayton Honors Former Congressman Bill Frenzel**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the passing of former Congressman Bill Frenzel: "Congressman Bill Frenzel was a leading tax expert in the U.S. House of Representatives and was involved in major tax reform legislation over his career. When I was growing up in Minnesota's third district, Congressman Frenzel represented my community. Everyone always had the greatest respect for him and for his intelligence, his knowledge of tax issues, his friendliness and his humanity."	[News Release]
11/19/14	**Governor Thanks Metropolitan Council Chair Sue Haigh For Her Service**	Susan Haigh announces her resignation as Chair of the Metropolitan Council to focus her energies on her full-time position as President and CEO of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.	[News Release]
11/24/14	**Lee Sheehy To Continue As Chair Of Commission On Judicial Selection**	Governor Dayton announces he will appoint Lee Sheehy to continue as Chair of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection. Mr. Sheehy has held the post since his appointment by the Governor in 2011.	[News Release] [Photo]
11/24/14	**Celebrating The Holiday Season At The Governor's Residence**	The 2014 Holiday Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence will kick-off on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014. The Residence will be open for public tours on December 2, 9 and 16 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. No reservations	[News Release]

		are required and tours will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.	
11/24/14	**Governor Dayton Kicks Off Thanksgiving Week**	Governor Dayton is joined by Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association President John Gorton, and Colleen Moriarty of Hunger Solutions Minnesota at the Minnesota State Capitol to bring in the week's festivities. A Minnesota-grown turkey was also on-hand for the occasion.	[News Release] [Photo]
11/26/14	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 14-19**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 14-19. The order extends relief from regulations to motor carriers and drivers operating in the State of Minnesota, in an effort to help improve the transport of diesel fuel across the state.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
12/2/14	**Governor Thanks MN.IT Commissioner Carolyn Parnell For Her Service**	Carolyn Parnell announces her resignation as the state's Chief Information Officer and Commissioner of MN.IT Services.	[News Release]
12/4/14	**Statement From Governor Dayton On The Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding Minnesota's November Budget Forecast.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Administration Commissioner**	Matt Massman is selected to lead the Department of Administration.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Agriculture Commissioner**	David Frederickson is selected to lead the Department of Agriculture.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Commerce Commissioner**	Mike Rothman is selected to lead the Department of Commerce.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Corrections Commissioner**	Thomas Roy is selected to lead the Department of Corrections.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Education Commissioner**	Dr. Brenda Cassellius is selected to lead the Department of Education.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints DEED Commissioner**	Katie Sieben is selected to lead the Department of Employment and Economic Development.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Health Commissioner**	Dr. Edward Ehlinger is selected to lead the Department of Health.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Higher Education Commissioner**	Larry Pogemiller is selected to lead the Office of Higher Education.	[News Release]

12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Housing Finance Commissioner**	Mary Tingerthal is selected to lead the Housing Finance Agency.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Human Rights Commissioner**	Kevin Lindsey is selected to lead the Department of Human Rights.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Human Services Commissioner**	Lucinda Jesson is selected to lead the Department of Human Services	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Labor And Industry Commissioner**	Ken Peterson is selected to lead the Department of Labor and Industry.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Management And Budget Commissioner**	Myron Frans is selected to lead the Minnesota Management and Budget Department.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Bureau Of Mediation Commissioner**	Josh Tilsen is selected to lead the Bureau of Mediation Services.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Department Of Military Affairs Commissioner**	Gen. Richard Nash is selected to lead the Department of Military Affairs.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Department Of Natural Resources Commissioner**	Thomas Landwehr is selected to lead the Department of Natural Resources.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Pollution Control Commissioner**	John Linc Stine is selected to lead the Pollution Control Agency.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Public Safety Commissioner**	Ramona Dohman is selected to lead the Department of Public Safety.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Revenue Commissioner**	Cynthia Bauerly is selected to lead the Department of Revenue.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Transportation Commissioner**	Charlie Zelle is selected to lead the Department of Transportation.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Appoints Veterans Affairs Commissioner**	Larry Shellito is selected to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs.	[News Release]
12/10/14	**Governor Dayton Recognizes State Employees For Improving State Government**	More than 50 state employees, who worked on ten different reform projects, are honored for their efforts to improve state government. These initiatives were selected for making government work better for Minnesotans, while also saving time and taxpayer dollars.	[News Release]
12/23/14	**Governor Urges Minnesotans To Take Precautions To Prevent Influenza**	Governor Dayton and Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger urge Minnesotans to take precautions to prevent the spread of influenza in	[News Release] [Flu Information]

		Minnesota. Minnesota is currently experiencing one of the worst influenza seasons in recent memory, with 359 people hospitalized since October.	
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1/2/15	**Governor Dayton Announces Launch Of Transparencymn Website**	Continuing his administration's efforts to build a Better Government for a Better Minnesota, Governor Dayton announces the launch of a new state website, where Minnesotans can easily see how their tax dollars are spent.	[News Release] [Transparency MN]
1/5/15	**Lt. Governor Tina Smith's 2015 Inaugural Remarks**	Remarks of Lt. Governor Tina Smith for her 2015 Inaugural Address, as prepared for delivery.	[News Release]
1/5/15	**Governor Dayton's Inaugural Address**	Remarks of Governor Dayton for his 2015 Inaugural Address, as prepared for delivery.	[News Release]
1/7/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Irrrb Commissioner**	Mark Phillips is selected to lead the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.	[News Release]
1/9/15	**Governor Dayton Reappoints Bradford Delapena To The Minnesota Tax Court**	Honorable Bradford Delapena is reappointed as Judge of the Minnesota Tax Court for a six year term, to expire on January 4, 2021.	[News Release] [Photo]
1/14/15	**Minnesota's Nation-Leading Water Quality Initiative Works With Farmers To Protect State's Lakes, Rivers, And Streams**	Governor Dayton announces that U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has provided Minnesota a $9 million investment in Greater Minnesota to establish the state's popular Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) as a national demonstration project.	[News Release]
1/14/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Mn.It Commissioner**	Tom Baden is selected to lead the MN.IT Department.	[News Release] [MN.IT]
1/16/15	**Governor Dayton To Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'S Legacy**	On Monday, January 19, Governor Dayton will be joined by keynote speaker Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Wilhelmina Wright and others for a statewide celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy.	[News Release]
1/16/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Metropolitan Council Chair**	Adam Duininck is selected to chair the Metropolitan Council.	[News Release] [Metropolitan Council]
1/19/15	**Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Column**	Governor Dayton submits a column for the 2015 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. edition of the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder.	[News Release]

1/20/15	**Governor Proposes Tax Credit For 130,000 Minnesota Families**	Governor Dayton releases details of his proposal to expand the Child and Dependent Care Credit in Minnesota, providing $99.9 million in direct tax relief to 130,000 Minnesota families.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Making Child Care More Affordable] [Minnesota Stories]
1/20/15	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order To Establish Diversity And Inclusion Council**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 15-02, establishing the Diversity and Inclusion Council which will work to improve the recruiting and retention of state employees from diverse backgrounds, improve the contracting process for businesses owned by Minnesotans from diverse backgrounds, and promote civic engagement in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
1/21/15	**Governor Dayton Proposes Major Investment In University Of Minnesota Medical School**	Governor Dayton announces an investment in the University of Minnesota Medical School that would restore national prominence and train the next generation of world-class medical professionals.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: University of Minnesota Medical School]
1/22/15	**Minnesota Job Creation Fund Wins Economic Development Initiative Award**	The Minnesota Job Creation Fund and its "2015 Economic Development Initiative" wins an award from the Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM) during the Excellence in Economic Development Awards ceremony for the program's creative approach to economic development.	[News Release]
1/24/15	**Governor Signs Bill Delivering Tax Relief For 200,000 Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton signs legislation (Chapter 1, HF 6) that will simplify tax filing and provide $20 million in immediate tax savings to more than 200,000 middle-income Minnesotans.	[News Release]
1/26/15	**Plan To Fix Minnesota's Aging, Underfunded Transportation System**	Governor Dayton proposes a plan to invest $6 billion over the next ten years to address the state's highway funding deficit, invest $2.356 billion in local government transportation projects, and provide $2.92 billion for Metro and Greater Minnesota transit systems.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Transportation Plan] [FACT SHEET: Investing in roads, bridges, and transit] [SNAPSHOT: Investing in Roads and Bridges] [Projects at a Glance]
1/27/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Flood And Disaster Relief Bill**	Governor Dayton signs legislation that provides $17.3 million in flood and disaster relief for Minnesotans.	[News Release]
1/27/15	**Children And Families Top Governor Dayton's Budget Priorities**	Governor Dayton proposes a two-year budget that would make bold new investments in education, put more money in the pockets of working families, and make long-overdue	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Statewide PreK] [FACT SHEET: School Funding]

		investments in the state's aging and underfunded transportation system.	[FACT SHEET: Shrinking the Achievement Gap] [FACT SHEET: Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids] [FACT SHEET: Education] [FACT SHEET: Child Care Affordability] [FACT SHEET: Supporting Children and Families]
1/28/15	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order To Continue Olmstead Sub-Cabinet**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 15-03, continuing a Sub-Cabinet to implement a comprehensive Olmstead Plan for Minnesota. The state's Olmstead Plan supports the freedom of choice and opportunity to live, work and participate in the most inclusive setting for individuals with disabilities.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
1/31/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Urges Qualifying Minnesotans To Claim Earned Income And Working Family Tax Credits**	Lt. Governor Smith, Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly, Congressman Keith Ellison, and Prepare + Prosper, a non-profit tax preparation service, recognize the 40th anniversary of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the launch of the 2015 Claim It! campaign.	[News Release]
2/4/15	**Senate Education Proposal**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the education proposal announced by the Senate Majority Caucus.	[News Release]
2/4/15	**Nursing Homes Receive Funding To Improve Quality**	Nursing homes throughout Minnesota will gain a total of about $17 million more over the next one to three years through a Minnesota Department of Human Services program that rewards a variety of quality improvement efforts.	[News Release]
2/4/15	**Joint Mndot, DEED Program Fosters Economic Growth Across Minnesota**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation releases a report this week detailing the results of $75 million in investments in transportation projects that foster economic development and support job growth.	[News Release]
2/5/15	**Governor Dayton Recognizes Milken Educator Award Winner**	Governor Dayton hosts a luncheon honoring Angela Harvala, a Fifth Grade teacher at Princeton's North Elementary School. Harvala is Minnesota's latest recipient of the prestigious Milken Educator Award - an award considered nationally as "The Oscars of Teaching."	[News Release] [Photo]

2/17/15	**Over 600 Road And Bridge Improvements Funded By Governor's Proposal**	Governor Dayton and Transportation Commissioner Zelle release a detailed list of more than 600 road and bridge improvements that would be completed if the Legislature passes the Governor's proposed investments in transportation.	[News Release] [SNAPSHOT: List of projects] [FACT SHEET: Transportation Plan] [SNAPSHOT: Local Funding] [Map]
2/20/15	**President Obama Appoints Governor Dayton To Council Of Governors**	The White House announces that President Barack Obama has appointed Governor Dayton to serve a two-year term on the Council of Governors.	[News Release]
2/24/15	**Minnesota's Graduation Rate**	Governor Dayton responds to the new report released by the Minnesota Department of Education showing that Minnesota's graduation rate increased from 79.8 percent in 2013 to 81.2 percent in 2014. The report also shows gains in graduation rates among all student groups over the last year.	[News Release]
2/24/15	**Governor's Proposal Would Target One Of The Worst Traffic Jams In America**	After years of study, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) could begin repairing and restructuring the I-35W/I-494 interchange - but only if the Legislature passes Governor Dayton's proposed investments in transportation infrastructure.	[News Release]
2/26/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Deficiency Bill**	Governor Dayton signs legislation (Chapter 3, SF174) that provides $15.5 million to maintain basic services across the state. It makes crucial investments in areas of need, from providing the necessary funding to help Minnesotans enjoy the great outdoors, to providing food assistance to Minnesota seniors.	[News Release]
2/27/15	**Governor Dayton's Remarks On February State Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the predicted $1.869 billion budget surplus for the State Budget Forecast.	[News Release]
2/27/15	**Governor Dayton Announces Upcoming Vacancy On Minnesota Supreme Court**	Governor Dayton announces the commencement of the process to fill a vacancy on the Minnesota Supreme Court, created upon the upcoming retirement of Associate Justice Alan C. Page at the end of August.	[News Release]
3/5/15	**Governor Dayton To Lead Trade Mission To Mexico**	Governor Dayton will lead representatives from business, education and cultural institutions on a trade mission to Mexico this summer that will focus on strengthening Minnesota exports and ties to the world's 15th-largest economy.	[News Release]

3/5/15	**Governor Dayton And Senate Leaders Unite In Push For Major Investment In Transportation This Session**	Governor Dayton, Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk, Senate Transportation Committee Chair Scott Dibble, and a coalition of state leaders stand together to highlight their shared goal of passing a comprehensive investment in transportation this session.	[News Release] [Governor vs. House Republican Plan] [Transportation Map]
3/6/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Rides Bus, Calls On Legislature To Support Mass Transit Investments Across Minnesota**	Following Lt. Governor Smith and Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duininck ride on a Route 67 Bus in St. Paul, the two rally with transit supporters to talk about how Governor Dayton's transportation system would improve transit statewide.	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo]
3/11/15	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 15-04**	Due to weather conditions this winter that caused septic systems across Minnesota to freeze, Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 15-04.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
3/12/15	**Child Protection Legislation**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the final passage of HF8/SF807, a bill that would enhance child protection measures in Minnesota. The legislation passed unanimously in the Minnesota Senate and the Minnesota House of Representatives.	[News Release]
3/12/15	**Over 57,400 Children Enroll In All-Day Kindergarten Statewide**	New data from the Minnesota Department of Education shows that 57,479 students are now benefitting from the state's all-day, every day kindergarten initiative. That number amounts to 99.6 percent of all kids enrolled in kindergarten throughout the state, and exceeds original state predictions by nearly 3,500 students.	[News Release]
3/12/15	**Mndot Transit Report Points To Growing Needs, Funding Gaps**	The state's public transit systems will not keep up with the demand for service if future funding is not secured, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation's 2014 Transit Report.	[News Release]
3/12/15	**Governor Dayton Proposes Buffer Initiative To Protect, Improve Water Quality**	Governor Dayton introduces a bipartisan bill (HF1534/SF1537) co-authored by Rep. Paul Torkelson and Sen. John Marty requiring 50-foot water quality buffer strips around Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams to significantly improve water quality statewide.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Governor Dayton's Buffer Initiative] [Graphic] [Photo]
3/13/15	**Statements Of Support For Governor Dayton's Buffer Proposal**	A broad coalition of Minnesotans support the Governor's effort to improve water quality and habitats.	[News Release]

3/13/15	**Seventy-Five Railway Safety Improvements Funded In Governor Dayton's Proposal**	Governor Dayton reveals a comprehensive list of railway projects needing attention, which were compiled by experts at the Minnesota Department of Transportation and chosen based on their levels of danger and congestion.	[News Release] [SNAPSHOT: Rail Safety Investments] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Railroad Safety] [Map]
3/17/15	**Governor Dayton Remarks On His Supplemental Budget Proposal**	Governor Dayton shares remarks following the rolling out of his supplemental budget for the next two fiscal years.	[News Release]
3/17/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Child Protection Measure Into Law**	Governor Dayton signs legislation (Chapter 4, HF8) that will enhance child protection measures in Minnesota. The legislation passed unanimously in the Minnesota Senate and Minnesota House of Representatives.	[News Release]
3/17/15	**Governor Dayton: Invest 80 Percent Of Budget Surplus In Kids, Families**	Governor Dayton releases his supplemental budget proposal, which would devote nearly 80 percent ($1.5 billion) of the surplus to Minnesota children, students, and families.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Supplemental Budget Items] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Education]
3/19/15	**Local Leaders: Fund Transportation Now**	Minnesota mayors, city councilmembers, and county commissioners are encouraging of Governor Dayton's proposed investments in transportation.	[News Release]
3/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Trusts**	Chapter 5, SF 578: This bill repeals and updates a previous trust law in Minnesota statute. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
3/20/15	**Minnesota Editorial Boards: Fund Transportation Now**	Newspapers urge Minnesota lawmakers to pass a comprehensive, long-term transportation funding proposal.	[News Release]
3/20/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Deerwood Elementary School, Highlighting Governor Dayton's Proposed Education Investments**	Lt. Governor Smith and State Rep. Laurie Halverson visit with students and teachers at Deerwood Elementary School in Eagan today to highlight Governor Dayton's budget proposal to invest an additional $698 million in pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 education.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Education] [FACT SHEET: Preschool for All]
3/20/15	**Governor And Legislators: Send Every Child To Preschool**	Governor Dayton and Minnesota Senators' proposal could allow an estimated 47,300 students to attend preschool in the program's first year of operation.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Universal Access to Preschool]
3/26/15	**"Bells Across The Land" Mark 150 Years Since Symbolic End Of Civil War**	Minnesota will participate in a nationwide bell-ringing event this April to commemorate the 150th anniversary of events at a Virginia	[News Release]

		court house which symbolically ended the Civil War.	
3/27/15	**Lt. Governor Smith, Senators Klobuchar And Franken, And Representative Nolan Meet With Top Administration Officials To Discuss Steel Industry Jobs**	Minnesota leaders discuss what immediate steps can be taken to stop mining and steel industry job losses from declining iron ore prices and unfair dumping of foreign steel.	[News Release]
3/27/15	**Governor Dayton To Crack-Down On Illegal Poaching**	Governor Dayton is pushing hard to enact more stringent penalties for those who intentionally violate the state's hunting and fishing laws.	[News Release]
3/27/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Related To Emergency Health Services**	Chapter 6, HF 423: This bill allows ambulance medical directors to authorize staffing levels, and applies to ambulance services based in communities with populations of 2,500 or less. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
3/31/15	**Employment Layoffs At Minntac And Keetac**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding layoffs at U.S. Steel's Minntac and Keetac plants in Mountain Iron and Keewatin.	[News Release]
4/1/15	**Dayton, Smith, Klobuchar, Franken, And Nolan Call On Administration To Take Immediate Action To Stop Illegal Dumping Of Foreign Steel**	In a letter to President Obama, Minnesota leaders urge the Administration to demonstrate its commitment by publicly announcing concrete actions to confront foreign dumping and keep American steel jobs	[News Release]
4/1/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Travels To Hibbing And Virginia, Highlighting Governor Dayton's $983 Million Education Proposal**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Greenhaven Early Childhood Center in Hibbing and Mesabi Range College in Virginia to highlight the proposed education investments from pre-Kindergarten to post-secondary.	[News Release] [Photo] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Education]
4/3/15	**Governor Dayton On Recent Actions In Indiana**	In response to recent actions taken in Indiana, Governor Dayton releases a statement.	[News Release]
4/6/15	**Governor Dayton And Nine City Mayors Proclaim April As Safe Digging Month**	Governor Dayton and nine city mayors in Minnesota issue proclamations announcing April as Safe Digging Month. The proclamations urge homeowners to call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects to prevent injuries, property damage, repair costs and inconvenient outages.	[News Release] [811 Info]
4/6/15	**Andersen Opens New Bayport Plant**	Andersen Corporation, the country's largest window and door manufacturer, announces the investment of more than $45 million in facilities and equipment in a major	[News Release]

		expansion of its Cottage Grove and North Branch, Minn., operations.	
4/7/15	**Governor's Jobs Bill Would Create 23,900 Minnesota Jobs**	Governor Dayton introduces a Jobs Bill that would invest $842 million in infrastructure projects statewide, creating more than 23,900 Minnesota jobs. This new Jobs Bill would help addresses many of the state's critical infrastructure needs, while strengthening Minnesota's economy and putting thousands of people to work.	[News Release] [Map] [SNAPSHOT: Proposed Job Bills Project] [FACT SHEET: Proposed Statewide Investments] [PRESENTATION: Governor Dayton's Proposal by the Numbers] [FACT SHEET: Historical Bond Authorizations]
4/8/15	**Governor Dayton To Deliver State Of The State Address On Thursday, April 9, At 7:00pm**	Governor Dayton will deliver his annual State of the State Address to a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature on Thursday, April 9, 2015, beginning at 7:00pm.	[News Release] [Letter to Speaker Daudt] [Letter to Senate President Pappas]
4/9/15	**House Republican Cuts To Greater Minnesota Broadband**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement in response to the House Republican's cuts to broadband for Greater Minnesota.	[News Letter]
4/9/15	**Governor Dayton's 2015 State Of The State Address**	Governor Dayton delivers his 2015 State of the State Remarks.	[News Release]
4/10/15	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 15-06**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 15-06 to tighten statewide biosecurity critical to lowering risk of H5N2 avian influenza spread.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
4/14/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Travels To Moorhead And Bemidji, Highlighting Governor Dayton's $983 Million Education Proposal**	Lt. Governor Tina Smith visits Moorhead's Probstfield Center for Education and Bemidji State University to highlight the proposed education investments from pre-Kindergarten to post-secondary.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Education]
4/14/15	**Day Of Remembrance For President Abraham Lincoln**	Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from now until sunset on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, as a mark of respect for the memory of President Abraham Lincoln.	[News Release]
4/14/15	**Governor And Legislators: Send Every Child To Preschool**	Governor Dayton's early learning proposal would lallow an estimated 47,300 students to attend preschool in the program's first year of operation. The Department of Education predicts that number would grow to roughly 57,000 four-year-olds statewide -	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo]

		giving every kid the great start they need to prepare for kindergarten.	
4/15/15	**St. Cloud Foundry Expansion Supported By Lt. Governor Smith Visit**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Grede Holdings LLC's St. Cloud facility to discuss the foundry's $17.5 million expansion plan. When the project is completed, Grede expects to add 30 jobs at the St. Cloud site.	[News Release]
4/15/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order 15-07**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 15-07 providing for emergency assistance to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center, due to dry conditions, high temperatures, low humidity, and strong winds that have been exacerbated by a lack of significant precipitation.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
4/15/15	**Gopher Women's Hockey Team Honored By Governor Dayton**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring Wednesday, April 15, 2015, to be "Gopher Women's Hockey National Champions Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Photo]
4/15/15	**Governor Orders Mndot To Reinstate Use Of Umlauts On Road Signs**	Governor Dayton signs an Executive Order requiring MnDOT reinstate the use of umlauts on roadway signage, when appropriate.	[News Release] [Executive Order] [Umlaut]
4/16/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Go Wild! Day" In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, April 16, "Go Wild! Day" in Minnesota, and encourages Minnesotans to show their support for the Wild by wearing the team colors throughout the day on Thursday.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Photo]
4/17/15	**Governor Dayton Applauds New Federal Actions To Improve Rail Safety**	Governor Dayton applauds the U.S. Department of Transportation's announcement of new measures to improve the safety of trains carrying highly-flammable Bakken crude oil by reducing the speed that they travel through Minnesota cities.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Rail Safety Proposal]
4/21/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Land Surveying**	Chapter 7, HF 794: This bill makes technical corrections and simplifies statutory language related to land surveying. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
4/23/15	**In Response To Avian Influenza, Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Order Declaring Peacetime State Of Emergency**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 15-09, declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency in Minnesota in response to the discovery of H5N2 avian influenza cases statewide.	[News Release]
4/23/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Background Checks**	Ch. 8, SF 1563: This bill directs the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to perform background checks at the request of Minnesota's Tribal Nations.	[News Release]

		The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	
4/27/15	**Southwest Light Rail Transit**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the change in Southwest Light Rail Transit funding.	[News Release]
4/27/15	**Governor Dayton To Visit Preschool Classroom Tuesday With U.S. Secretary Of Education Arne Duncan**	Governor Dayton and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visit a preschool classroom at Richardson Elementary School in North Saint Paul.	[News Release] [Minnesota Education Rankings]
4/27/15	**Governor Dayton Welcomes Governor General Of Canada To Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and Lieutenant Governor Smith host a breakfast at the Minnesota Governor's Residence to welcome David Johnston, the Governor General of Canada to the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/28/15	**Transcript: Remarks From Secretary Duncan On Universal Prek Proposal**	The transcript of Governor Dayton and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's visit to a preschool classroom in North Saint Paul.	[News Release]
4/28/15	**Governor Dayton, Secretary Duncan Visit North Saint Paul Preschool**	Governor Dayton and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visit a preschool classroom in North Saint Paul, meeting with students, teachers, parents, and administrators to discuss the impacts of high-quality early learning programs on Minnesota's youngest learners.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Preschool For All] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Education] [Photo] [Photo] [Photo]
4/28/15	**Governor Orders DNR To End Practice Of Collaring Moose In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs Executive Order 15-10, which requires the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to stop the practice of radio collaring moose in Minnesota, and to stop issuing new permits for moose radio collaring.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
4/29/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Joins Werner Electric For Ground Breaking**	Lt. Governor Smith, Werner Electric officials, and local leaders break ground on a $4 million business expansion that will add 60,000 square feet to the company's Cottage Grove headquarters and at least 46 new jobs.	[News Release]
4/29/15	**2015 Minnesota Fishing Opener Hosts Selected For Governor And Lieutenant Governor**	A pair of accomplished anglers from the Lake Vermilion area will host Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith for the 2015 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 9. Tim "Buck" Lescarbeau will fish with Governor Dayton, and Casey Sunsdahl will fish with Lt. Governor Smith.	[News Release]
4/29/15	**New Report Shines Light On Water Quality Concerns In Minnesota**	A newly released report by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) provides additional evidence that agricultural and urban runoff is	[News Release] [MAP: Altered Hydrology Statewide]

		contributing significantly to the impairment of Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and streams.	[PHOTO: St. Croix vs. Mississippi River] [MAP: Health of Minnesota Streams and Rivers]
4/29/15	**Governor Dayton Hosts Turkey Lunch For Interns, Promoting Minnesota-Grown Turkey**	Governor Dayton hosts a Minnesota-grown turkey lunch at the Governor's Residence for interns who are working this spring in the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The lunch featured a 25-pound turkey, which was raised in Glenwood, Minnesota.	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo]
4/30/15	**Governor Dayton Joins St. David's Center In Minnetonka For Construction Kick-Off Ceremony**	Governor Dayton is joined by state and local officials in breaking ground on the $13.7 million expansion of the St. David's Center for Child and Family Development.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Liquor Laws**	Chapter 9, SF 1238: This is the Omnibus Liquor Bill. The bill regulates the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in Minnesota. The bill passed the House 127-4 and the Senate 56-8.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Law Filing**	Chapter 10, HF 510: This bill provides for the filing of a certificate of approved law by Hennepin County. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Corrections**	Chapter 11, HF 239: This bill provides an exception for conservators to post bond on behalf of a protected person. This bill passed 130-1 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Mortgage Foreclosures**	Chapter 13, SF1444: This bill clarifies provisions for mortgage foreclosure sales. This bill passed 130-1 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Mortgage Foreclosures**	Chapter 14, SF 1147: This bill clarifies requirements related to the publication of mortgage foreclosure advertisements. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Response Funding For Avian Influenza Into Law**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 12, HF 2225 into law, providing emergency response funding for avian influenza in Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/1/15	**Governor Dayton Commends New Federal Railway Safety Regulations**	Governor Dayton commends new federal rail safety regulations announced by President Obama's U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx.	[News Release] [Federal Rail Safety Regulations] [Governor Dayton's Railway Safety Proposal]

5/4/15	**Governor Dayton, DFL Legislators Strongly Oppose Bill Allowing Unlimited Campaign Contributions From Special Interests**	Governor Dayton and DFL legislative leaders take a stand to limit the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Minnesota elections.	[News Release]
5/5/15	**Minnesota Launches Bid For College Football Playoff National Championship Game In 2020**	Governor Dayton announces that an organized campaign is underway to pursue the 2020 College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship.	[News Release]
5/5/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Treatment**	Chapter 15, SF 100: This bill provides access to investigational treatments for certain patients. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 60-4 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/5/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Veterans**	Chapter 16, SF 1455: This bill repeals an outdated statute allowing district courts to appoint the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs as guardian of the estate of a veteran or dependent. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/6/15	**New Drinking Water Report Names Nitrate Contamination As Growing Challenge In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger release the findings of the state's annual drinking water report, which show nitrate levels in drinking water supplies are of increasing concern in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [REPORT: 2015 Minnesota Drinking Water] [MAP: Nitrate Contamination in Minnesota Cities] [INFOGRAPHIC: Nitrate Sources in Groundwater]
5/7/15	**Governor Dayton To Host 68th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener**	Governor Dayton prepares to host Minnesota's 68th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener at Lake Vermilion in Tower, Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/7/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Financial Security**	Chapter 17, SF 1816: This is the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act. It updates and modernizes the Fraudulent Transfers Act. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/7/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Licensing Requirements**	Chapter 18, SF417: This bill provides clarification to licensing requirements for professional licensed engineers. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/7/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Water Treatment**	Chapter 19, SF1499: This bill extends the filing date for the Cedar Lake area water and sanitary sewer district to file a copy of a special law, passed in 2014. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 62-1 in the Senate.	[News Release]

5/7/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Law**	Chapter 20 SF 1741: This bill allows a patient to bring an injunction against a non-profit hospital, if the hospital has not provided a plain language summary of their financial assistance policy to the patient. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/11/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Bill Corrections**	Chapter 21, SF 1218: This is the Revisor's bill. The bill corrects erroneous, ambiguous, and obsolete references. The bill also removes redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions and makes corrections to laws, statutes, and rules. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/11/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Energy Conservation**	Chapter 22, HF 1358: This local government bill adds to the definition of "energy conservation measure" in Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/11/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Employee Protections**	Chapter 23, SF 1120: This bill creates enhanced protections for employees of Minnesota Security Hospital who care for people committed by the court as mentally ill and dangerous. This bill passed 121-6 in the House and 40-23 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/11/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Land Management**	Chapter 24, HF 283: This bill designates Camp Ripley and nearby land as sentinel landscape. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Land Management**	Chapter 25, SF 1408: This bill authorizes sales of state lands that require legislative approval. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Legal Administration**	Chapter 26, HF 1438: The bill authorizes the chief administrative law judge to contract with a retired workers' compensation judge, when regularly appointed judges are not available. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Debt Collection**	Chapter 27, HF 1770: This bill allows counties to pursue debts owed by nonresidents in conciliation court. This bill passed 124-1 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care Rights**	Chapter 28, SF 462: This is the Prenatal Trisomy Diagnosis Awareness Act. This bill requires health care practitioners who perform genetic tests on	[News Release]

		pregnant women for Patua syndrome, Edwards syndrome, or Downs syndrome, to provide information if the results are positive. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 58-1 in the Senate.	
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Financial Incentives**	Chapter 29, HF 1127: This bill allows banks and credit unions to hold savings promotion raffles, where a participant who deposits money into a savings account has an opportunity to win prizes. This bill passed 125-2 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Family Law**	Chapter 30, SF 1191: This is the omnibus family law bill. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 61-3 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elected Official Term Lengths**	Chapter 31, HF 417: This bill allows members of the county economic development authority in Houston County to serve staggered, three-year terms. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Legal System**	Chapter 32, HF 262: This bill makes technical changes to plat approval law, and the law governing the modification of a cancellation of a contract for deed. The bill also makes conforming changes to state law to mirror federal default real property in certain situations. This bill passed 94-32 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Board Administration**	Chapter 33, HF 1427: This bill reduces the minimum number of meetings that the board of the District One Hospital District must hold. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Insurance**	Chapter 34, HF 177: This bill allows self-storage facilities in Minnesota to sell insurance products to customers who store personal property at the facility. This bill passed unanimously in in the House and 63-1 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Department Of Corrections**	Chapter 35, SF 1478: This bill repeals outdated language governing how the Department of Corrections transfers juveniles between states. This bill passed 127-2 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 36, SF 857: This bill creates a working group to develop a "Silver Alert" system to provide the public with information on missing persons	[News Release]

		who are senior citizens suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or other impairments. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 59-4 in the Senate.	
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Child Care Licensure**	Chapter 37, HF 1193: This bill provides an exemption from licensure requirements for afterschool programs that serve children from kindergarten through grade 12, and are operated by nonprofit organizations. The bill also repeals a moratorium on school-age child care licensing that was passed in 2012 and expires in July 2015. This bill passed 79-50 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To County Elections**	Chapter 38, HF 916: This bill allows Crow Wing County to make the offices of auditor-treasurer and recorder appointed positions, subject to an 80 percent vote of the county board and reverse referendum. This bill passed 92-34 in the House and 45-21 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Limited Liability Corporations**	Chapter 39, HF 385: The bill makes technical changes to the statute that allows corporations to convert Limited Liability Corporations that passed during the last biennium. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Veterans**	Chapter 40, HF 1556: This bill changes "Hire a Veteran Month" from May to July in Minnesota. The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Military**	Chapter 41, HF 450: This bill designates the Sunday before Memorial Day as "Military Spouses and Families Day". The bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Services**	Chapter 42, SF 1504: This bill extends the expiration date of the e-health advisory committee to June 30, 2021. The bill also removes the expiration date for the Trauma Advisory Task Force and Maternal Child Health Advisory Task Force. This bill passed 113-18 in the House and 61-3 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/14/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Peace Officers Memorial Day**	Governor Dayton orders all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, May 15, 2015, in honor and remembrance	[News Release] [Proclamation]

		of Peace Officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.	
5/15/15	**Governor Dayton's Budget Offer**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding his budget offer to legislative leaders.	[News Release]
5/18/15	**Governor Dayton Reiterates Call For Universal Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten Investment**	Governor Dayton holds a news conference regarding the need for legislation funding universal half-day pre-Kindergarten this session.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Segment Of Dodd Road In Mendota Heights To Be Named "Officer Scott Patrick Memorial Highway"**	Governor Dayton signs a bill designating a segment of Trunk Highway 149 (Dodd Road) in Mendota Heights, from the interchange with Interstate 494 to the intersection with Smith Avenue in West St. Paul, as Officer Scott Patrick Memorial Highway.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workers' Compensation**	Chapter 43, HF 2193: This bill will modernize Minnesota's workers' compensation system and control health care costs associated with worker injuries. This bill passed 126-1 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Agriculture**	Chapter 44, HF 1554: This is the Omnibus Agriculture Policy Bill. This bill passed 102-25 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Labor Agreements**	Chapter 47, SF 280: This bill ratifies labor agreements for Minnesota State University's Administrative and Service Faculty, Minnesota State College Faculty, Minnesota Nurses Association, InferFaculty Organization, and the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association. This bill passed 116-15 in the House and 50-13 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Transportation**	Chapter 48, SF 1679: This bill requires Uber and Lyft to carry liability insurance for their drivers during all phases of operation. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 49-12 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Suits And Elections**	Chapter 49, SF 1025: This bill amends the state Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP) government protections. SLAPP provisions provide protections against civil suits for public participation in favorable government action. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Farm Owners**	Chapter 50, SF 1587: This bill extends equity-stripping protections to farm owners who reside at their farm. This	[News Release]

		bill passed 105-25 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Gambling Regulations**	Chapter 52, SF 634: This is the Gambling Control Board's omnibus policy bill. This bill passed 78-44 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Insurance**	Chapter 53, HF307: This bill allows motorists to provide proof of insurance in an electronic format. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Department Of Labor And Industry Policy**	Chapter 54, SF 1371: This is the Department of Labor and Industry's omnibus policy bill. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Licensure**	Chapter 55, SF 253: This bill establishes Minnesota's participation in the interstate medical licensure compact, which enables physicians to practice in states that have adopted the compact. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Emergency Medical Service Programs**	Chapter 56, SF495: This bill requires regional and local emergency medical service programs to develop stroke transport protocols. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Marital Law**	Chapter 57, HF 1357: This bill requires individuals getting a divorce to get a certificate of dissolution. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care**	Chapter 58, SF 1265: This bill requires health carriers to allow applicants or policy holders to change their agent of record. The bill also requires MNsure to allow a consumer to retroactively appoint a navigator, or agent of record. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Inflation**	Chapter 59, SF 997: This bill amends the inflation protection for long-term care partnership policies from no less than three percent per year, to no less than one percent per year. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Religious Rights**	Chapter 60, SF1694: This bill allows families of deceased individuals to raise an objection to an autopsy based on religious beliefs under certain circumstances. This bill passed 128-3 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]

5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Settlement Claims**	Chapter 61, SF 1973: This bill appropriates money for the settlement of claims made for losses and injuries suffered by persons incarcerated in a state correctional facility. This bill passed unanimously in the both chambers.	[News Release]
5/19/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business Safety Regulations**	Chapter 62, SF 1215: This bill prohibits the use of certain flame-retardant chemicals in certain products. This bill passed 125-6 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Legal Administration**	Chapter 63, HF 1725: This bill allows electronic filing for hearings in contested cases at the Office of Administrative Hearings and permits the electronic transfer of certain rulemaking documents. This bill passed unanimously in the both chambers.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Construction Law**	Chapter 64, HF 1215: This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the 2014 Responsible Contractor Law that governs public construction contracts to correct practical problems and streamline the administrative process. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Veteran Services**	Chapter 66, HF 546: This bill will allow the state and local government veteran service entities to share military discharge forms with one another. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Retirement**	Chapter 68, SF 1398: This is the omnibus retirement bill. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 53-4 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Elections**	Chapter 70, SF 455: This is the omnibus elections bill. This bill passed unanimously in both chambers.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Campaign Financing**	Chapter 73, SF 205: This is the omnibus campaign finance bill. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 37-27 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Nursing Home Policy**	Chapter 74, HF 1792: This is the Minnesota Department of Health policy bill. This bill makes improvements to the nursing home receivership process. This bill passed 107-26 in the House and 52-10 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The**	Chapter 76, SF 698: This bill appropriates money from a	[News Release]

	Environment And Natural Resources	constitutionally dedicated environment and natural resources trust fund and modifies provisions for Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. This bill passed the 106-26 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health And Human Services**	Chapter 78, HF 1535: This is the omnibus Health and Human Services policy bill. This bill passed unanimously in the House and 61-1 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Public Safety**	Chapter 65, SF 878 : This is the omnibus public safety and judiciary finance and policy bill. This bill passed 116-15 in the House and 55-9 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Higher Education**	Chapter 69, SF 5 : This is the omnibus higher education finance bill. This bill passed 71-57 in the House and 57-8 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health And Human Services**	Chapter 71, SF 1458 : This is the omnibus Health and Human Services finance bill. This bill passed 99-31 in the House and 49-16 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation Financing**	Chapter 75, SF 1647 : This is the omnibus transportation finance bill. This bill contains funding for the Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, and the Department of Public Safety. This bill passed 76-58 in the House and unanimously in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/22/15	**Governor Dayton Continues Push To Provide Preschool For All**	Governor Dayton visits Apple Valley's Westview Elementary, continuing his push to ensure every Minnesota four-year-old has access to high-quality preschool.	[News Release] [Veto] [FACT SHEET: Universal PreK]
5/23/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To DMV Services Licensure**	Chapter 67, SF 86: This bill establishes a retention period of 60 days for Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) data. This bill passed 96-35 in the House and 55-11 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/23/15	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To State Government Financing**	Chapter 77, SF 888: This is the omnibus state government finance bill. This bill passed 71-61 in the House and 44-21 in the Senate.	[News Release]
5/23/15	**Governor Dayton Vetos A Bill Relating To Agriculture And The Environment**	Chapter 79, HF 846: This is the omnibus agriculture, environment, and natural resources finance bill. This bill passed 83-50 in the House and 35-30 in the Senate.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/23/15	**Governor Dayton Vetos A Bill Relating To Jobs And Energy**	Chapter 80, HF 1437: This is the omnibus jobs and energy bill. The bill appropriates money to state agencies	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

		involved with economic and workforce development, labor and industry, housing, commerce, and energy. This bill passed with a vote of 75-9 in the House and by 34-29 in the Senate.	
5/28/15	**Minnesota Receives $38 Million In Federal Grants For Veterans Homes**	Governor Dayton announces the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) will receive a federal grant totaling $38 million for the construction of a skilled care nursing facility, and infrastructure tying the existing and future complex together at the Minneapolis Veterans Home.	[News Release]
6/2/15	**Governor's Residence Open For Public Tours This Summer**	The 2015 Summer Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence kicks off on Tuesday, June 9th, 2015.	[News Release]
6/3/15	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Preliminary Health Insurance Rate Proposals**	For the first time ever, Minnesotans can see proposed 2016 rate information submitted by Minnesota health insurers for individual market health plans.	[News Release]
6/3/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "The Rolling Stones Day" In Minnesota**	Marking the legendary band's 11th performance in Minnesota, Governor Dayton has proclaimed Wednesday, June 3, 2015 to be "The Rolling Stones Day" in Minnesota. Governor Dayton's proclamation honors the band for a career spanning more than 50 years.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/3/15	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 15-11**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 15-11, directing the Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant General to provide personnel and equipment for Monticello Island Nuclear Generating Plant safety drills and exercises.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
6/9/15	**Governor Dayton, Lieutenant Governor Smith Visit Saint Paul Park To Talk Railway Safety**	In response to a collision between an oil train and a semi-truck on Sunday, Governor Dayton and Lieutenant Governor Smith traveled to Saint Paul Park to meet with local officials and discuss the critical need for railway safety investment in the region.	[News Release] [MAP: Saint Paul Park] [FACT SHEET: Rail Safety Investments]
6/10/15	**Statement From Governor Dayton Regarding A Tentative Budget Agreement**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding a tentative budget agreement reached by the Governor and the four Legislative Caucus Leaders.	[News Release]
6/11/15	**Governor And Legislative Leaders Sign Agreement For Special Session**	Governor Dayton and legislative leaders sign an agreement outlining the terms of a special session to be convened at 10:00am on Friday, June 12, 2015.	[News Release] [Signed Agreement] [Full Agreement] [Proclamation]
6/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs The Jobs And Energy Bill During The Special Session**	Chapter 1, HF 3 : This is the Jobs and Energy Bill. This bill passed 78-47 in the House and 50-14 in the Senate.	[News Release] [Better Jobs and Energy Bill]

6/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs The Legacy Bill During The Special Session**	Chapter 2, SF 1 : This is the Legacy Bill. This bill passed 116-6 in the House and 54-10 in the Senate.	[News Release]
6/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs The Education Finance Bill During The Special Session**	Chapter 3, HF1 : This is the Education Finance Bill. This bill passed 115-10 in the House and 53-12 in the Senate.	[News Release] [Better Education Bill]
6/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs The Agriculture, Environment, And Natural Resources Finance Bill During The Special Session**	Chapter 4, SF5 : This is the Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Finance Bill. This bill passed 78-47 in the House and 38-29 in the Senate.	[News Release] [Better Agriculture Bill]
6/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs The Bonding Bill During The Special Session**	Chapter 5, HF2 : This is the Bonding Bill. This bill passed 96-25 in the House and 48-18 in the Senate.	[News Release]
6/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs The Technical Corrections Bill During The Special Session**	Chapter 6, HF 6 : This is the Technical Corrections (Revisor's) Bill. This bill passed 125-0 in the House and 61-1 in the Senate.	[News Release]
6/16/15	**Writ Of Special Election**	Writ of Special Election held to fill a vacancy in the Office of State Representative for House District 46A in Hennepin County.	[News Release] [Writ of Special Election]
6/24/15	**CNBC Names Minnesota "America's Top State For Business"**	Minnesota is America's Top State for Business in 2015, according to a new report released by CNBC. Minnesota moved into the top spot this year, after placing 6th in 2014, and 15th in 2013.	[News Release] [CNBC Report]
6/24/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Ag Grant Recipient, Mississippi Topsoils In Cold Spring**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Cold Spring-based Mississippi Topsoils today, which received a Value Added Grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).	[News Release]
6/26/15	**Statements From Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith On Supreme Court Decision On Same-Sex Marriage**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements following the Supreme Court's decision to uphold marriage equality across the country.	[Governor Dayton Statement] [Lt. Governor Smith Statement]
7/1/15	**New Investments In E-12 Education Take Effect Today**	The $525 million investment enacted this year will increase funding for every Minnesota classroom, improve early learning opportunities, improve literacy, and provide needed new resources for American Indian education and English language learners. These investments take effect today.	[News Release]
7/1/15	**First Steps For Better Water Quality Start Today In Minnesota**	Work begins to establish 110,000 acres of new water quality buffer strips statewide.	[News Release] [Buffer Mapping Project]

7/1/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Two To Mnsure Board**	Governor Dayton announces new board members, Edgardo Rodriguez and Martha Eaves, to fill vacancies on a seven-member board responsible for managing and operating MNsure.	[News Release]
7/2/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims July "Hire A Veteran Month"**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring the month of July to be "Hire a Veteran Month" in Minnesota. Employers are encouraged to help connect military service members with employment opportunities during the month of July - and to continue hiring veterans throughout the year.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/6/15	**Council Working To Enhance Diversity And Inclusion In State Government**	The Governor's Diversity and Inclusion Council updates policymakers on the Council's work to improve diversity in the state's workforce and business supplier chain, and more equitably engage diverse people, communities, and businesses in the work of state government.	[News Release] [Diversity and Inclusion Council Report]
7/8/15	**Minnesota Medical Manufacturing Partnership**	U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announces that Minnesota's Medical Manufacturing Partnership is one of 12 communities nationwide now eligible for federal aid and support to accelerate manufacturing growth and create jobs.	[News Release] [Department of Commerce Release]
7/13/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Executive Orders 15-13 And 15-14; Rescinding Executive Order 13-13**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 15-13, reassigning emergency management responsibilities to state agencies, and 15-14, requiring the State of Minnesota to develop a plan for continuity of government.	[News Release] [Executive Order 15-13] [Executive Order 15-14]
7/15/15	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 15-12**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 15-12, which provides emergency relief from regulations for motor carriers and drivers traveling to and from farms for the purpose of transporting poultry to processing facilities.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
7/16/15	**Governor Dayton, Congressman Nolan To Visit Brainerd Lakes Area To Assess Recent Storm Damage**	Governor Dayton and U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan visit the Brainerd Lakes Area to assess damage caused by recent severe weather.	[News Release]
7/20/15	**Minnesota Leads Nation With $20 Million In Americorps Competitive Grants**	For third year in a row, ServeMinnesota is a leader in national service with nearly 1,900 AmeriCorps members.	[News Release] [ServeMinnesota]

7/21/15	**Minnesota Ranked #1 State In The Nation For Child Well-Being**	Minnesota ranks number one in overall child well-being in the latest KIDS COUNT Data Book released today by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.	[News Release]
7/21/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of The Victims Of The Tragedy In Chattanooga, Tennessee**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from now until sunset on Saturday, July 25, in honor of the victims of the tragedy in Chattanooga, Tennessee.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]
7/22/15	**Affordable Housing At Fort Snelling Upper Post**	Lt. Governor Smith joins the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to announce that preliminary approval has been given to a proposal that would rehabilitate 26 historic military buildings on the Upper Post of Fort Snelling. Upon completion, the project is expected create approximately 190 rental apartments for low-income families.	[News Release]
7/28/15	**State Health Care Contracting Reforms Save Taxpayers $650 Million**	State's first statewide competitive bidding process for managed care saves nearly $450 million. Other contract adjustments save an additional $200 million.	[News Release] [MAP: Medical Assistance Availability]
7/31/15	**Minnesota's Minimum Wage To Increase On August 1st**	More than 288,000 of Minnesota's lowest-wage workers will get a raise on Saturday, when the state's large employer minimum wage rises to $9 an hour on August 1st, 2015.	[News Release]
8/3/15	**The Federal Clean Power Plan**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement on the federal Clean Power Plan, which sets the goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 32 percent by 2030.	[News Release]
8/3/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Minnesota Sports Facility Board Member**	Former state legislative leader Tony Sertich is appointed to the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority	[News Release]
8/4/15	**Governor Dayton Takes Executive Action To Ensure Citizen Engagement In Environmental Regulation**	Executive Order 15-15, signed by Governor Dayton, creates the Governor's Committee to advise the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/5/15	**Governor Dayton Announces Delegates For Mexico Trade Mission**	Thirty-six delegates representing Minnesota businesses, the state's agriculture industry, and education institutions will accompany Governor Dayton on a trade mission to Mexico	[News Release]

		City and Guadalajara, beginning August 9, 2015.	
8/6/15	**IKONICS Corp. Breaks Ground On Duluth Expansion, Minnesota Job Creation Fund Assisted With Financing**	Duluth-based imaging technology company IKONICS Corp. broke ground today on a $4.3 million expansion that will include the hiring of 20 new workers.	[News Release]
8/7/15	**Job Skills Partnership Grants Seek To Support Workforce Needs Of Manufacturers In Mankato**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards South Central College two Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) grants totaling $69,542 to address regional workforce training needs.	[News Release]
8/8/15	**Governor Dayton Honors State Representative David Dill**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the passing of Representative David Dill: “David was deeply committed to Minnesota. As a legislator, he advocated tirelessly for the best interests of his district and the general welfare of our state. I will miss him. At this difficult time, my thoughts and prayers are with his wife Tucky and son Drake."	[News Release]
8/8/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Honors State Representative David Dill**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement on the passing of Representative David Dill: “Rep. David Dill was a strong advocate for what he believed in, and he always remembered who sent him to St. Paul. He had a great sense of humor, and a great love for our state, and we will all miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.”	[News Release]
8/9/15	**Governor Dayton Declares "Mick Tingelhoff Day" In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton declares Sunday, August 9, 2015 to be "Mick Tingelhoff Day" in Minnesota, honoring the lifetime achievements of one of the Minnesota Vikings' most accomplished players.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/10/15	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Today’s Meeting With Judge Frank Regarding The Minnesota Sex Offender Program**	Governor Dayton meets with Federal District Judge Donovan Frank and legislative leaders regarding the status of the Minnesota Sex Offender Program.	[News Release]
8/11/15	**Mnscu Signs Partnership Agreements With Universities In Mexico**	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities develops partnerships with several universities in Mexico. The partnership agreements provide a foundation for collaboration among the institutions such as student and faculty exchanges, research collaborations, and more.	[News Release]

8/11/15	**Minnesota And Mexico To Establish New Education And Agriculture Collaborations During Trade Mission**	Governor Dayton, Mexican officials, and members of Minnesota's trade delegation will sign five memorandums of understanding that will improve educational connections between Minnesota and Mexico, and support women in agriculture and business.	[News Release]
8/13/15	**Mille Lacs Working Group**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the actions of the Mille Lacs Working Group.	[News Release]
8/18/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Minnesota Supreme Court Justice**	The Honorable Natalie E. Hudson is appointed by Governor Dayton to the Minnesota Supreme Court.	[News Release] [Headshot] [Photo]
8/19/15	**State Of Minnesota Awards $9 Million To Help Train Low-Income Adults For In-Demand Jobs**	Lt. Governor Smith and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) announce 33 grants statewide totaling $9,001,424 to help low-income Minnesotans overcome employment barriers.	[News Release]
8/21/15	**Minnesota Petition For Impacted Iron Range Workers Approved**	The U.S. Department of Labor approves DEED petition to extend unemployment benefits for laid off steel workers at Mesabi Nugget.	[News Release]
8/21/15	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order 15-16**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 15-16, providing for emergency assistance to the State of Washington through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order] [Emergency Management Assistance Compact]
8/26/15	**Minnesota Act Results**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements following the news that Minnesota students achieved nation's highest ACT scores for 10 straight years.	[News Release]
8/27/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Thursday, August 27 To Be "The Great Minnesota Get Together" Day**	Commemorating the start of the Minnesota State Fair, Governor Dayton declares Thursday, August 27, 2015 to be "The Great Minnesota Get Together" Day. Governor Dayton also declares it “Ye Old Mill Day” in recognition of the State Fair ride's 100th Anniversary.	[News Release] [The Great Minnesota Get Together] [Ye Old Mill Day]
9/3/15	**Retirement Of U.S. Representative John Kline**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the news of Representative John Kline’s retirement.	[News Release]
9/3/15	**At State Fair Senior Day, A Call To "Hang Up On Fraud"**	Lt. Governor Smith and Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman join seniors at the State Fair to urge Minnesotans to protect themselves against phone scams	[News Release]
9/8/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff**	In honor and remembrance of St. Paul Firefighter Shane Clifton, who died suddenly from a heart attack while on	[News Release] [Proclamation]

	In Honor Of St. Paul Firefighter Shane Clifton	duty at St. Paul Fire Station #14 on August 31, 2015, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.	
9/8/15	**First Day Of The 2015 – 2016 School Year**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius welcome students back to school at Brimhall Elementary in Roseville.	[News Release]
9/9/15	**Minnesota Receives $5 Million Federal Grant To Expand Registered Apprenticeship In High-Growth Jobs**	Minnesota receives a new federal apprenticeship grant of $5 million that will bring more than 800 individuals into newly registered apprenticeship programs in 29 different high-growth occupations.	[News Release]
9/10/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Observance Of The 14-Year Anniversary Of 9/11 Attacks**	In observance of the fourteenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset.	[News Release]
9/11/15	**Report: Minnesota Is A Global Leader In Water Technology**	Minnesota is a global leader in water technology innovation according to a new report released by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.	[News Release] [DEED Water Report]
9/14/15	**Pheasant Action Plan Outlines Ten Steps To Improve Hunting, Habitat**	Revitalizing Minnesota's pheasant hunting tradition and improving pheasant habitat are goals of a four-year Pheasant Summit Action Plan resulting from the Minnesota Pheasant Summit convened by Governor Dayton in 2014.	[News Release]
9/14/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Harrison Elementary In Brainerd**	Lt. Governor Smith visits with students at Harrison Elementary in Brainerd, and holds a roundtable with administrators, teachers, and parents about the powerful impact of all-day kindergarten.	[News Release]
9/14/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Thanks County Veteran Services Officers For Service To Minnesota Veterans And Their Families**	Lt. Governor Smith provides her remarks during the 2015 Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers Fall Conference Banquet in Nisswa.	[News Release]
9/16/15	**Minnesota Sees A Drop In The Uninsured Rate**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the release of data	[News Release]

		from the U.S. Census Bureau showing Minnesota with an uninsured rate of 5.9 percent - a record low.	
9/17/15	**Testimony On Behalf Of The National Governor's Association And The Council Of Governors**	Governor Dayton testifies on behalf of the National Governor's Association and the Council of Governors before the National Commission on the Future of the Army.	[News Release] [National Governor Association's Testimony]
9/21/15	**Taiwan To Purchase Billions Of Dollars Of Corn And Soybeans From Minnesota, Midwest Farmers**	Taiwanese trade officials and business leaders sign letters of intent to purchase billions of dollars of agricultural products from farmers in Minnesota and other Midwestern states over the next two years.	[News Release]
9/25/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Observation Of The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service**	In honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 27, 2015.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/29/15	**Minnesota's Olmstead Plan Approved By United States District Court**	Minnesota's Olmstead Plan, which is designed to ensure that people with disabilities are able to live, learn, work, and enjoy life in the most integrated setting of their choosing, is approved by US District Judge Donovan Frank.	[News Release] [Olmstead Plan Implementation]
9/29/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims September 30 Small Business Day In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton declares Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, to be Small Business Day in the state of Minnesota.	[News Release]
9/30/15	**Price Of Government Has Declined 11.7 Percent Over Last Twenty Years**	Governor Dayton and Minnesota Management and Budget Commissioner Myron Frans announce the findings of a new report that shows the Price of Government in Minnesota has fallen 11.7 percent over the last twenty years.	[News Release] [GRAPH: Price of Government]
10/1/15	**Minnesota Health Insurance Rates**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the recent health insurance increases in Minnesota's private individual market.	[News Release]
10/1/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Minnesota Manufacturers Week**	To highlight the importance of manufacturing, Governor Dayton declares the week of October 1-10 to be Minnesota Manufacturing Week.	[News Release]
10/5/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of The Victims Of The Tragedy In Roseburg, Oregon**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota on Tuesday, October 6, sunrise to sunset, in honor of the	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]

		victims of the tragedy in Roseburg, Oregon.	
10/6/15	**Governor Dayton Proclaims November 2-6 Minnesota Medtech Week**	LifeScience Alley and Medical Design and Manufacturing (MDandM) Minneapolis announces that Governor Dayton has proclaimed November 2-6, 2015, to be Minnesota MedTech Week.	[News Release]
10/7/15	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith Join Minnesota Children's Museum For Expansion Groundbreaking**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith are joined by state and local officials in breaking ground on a $30 million expansion of the Minnesota Children's Museum.	[News Release]
10/8/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Provides Remarks At Minnesota Manufacturers Week – Lakes Area Manufacturing Breakfast In Merrifield**	At the Lakes Area Manufacturing Breakfast in Merrifield, Lt. Governor Smith stressed the importance of manufacturers in building an economy that works for all Minnesotans, everywhere in the state.	[News Release]
10/8/15	**Governor Dayton To Host Fifth Annual Governor's Pheasant Opener In Mankato**	Governor Dayton travels to Mankato to host the Fifth Annual Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener.	[News Release]
10/11/15	**Governor Dayton Creates New Office Of Career And Business Opportunity**	During a live interview on KMOJ radio, Governor Dayton announces that he will create a new Office of Career and Business Opportunity.	[News Release]
10/13/15	**Governor Dayton Dedicates I-94 Expansion Project From St. Michael To Rogers**	Governor Dayton and area local officials gather in Rogers, Minn., to dedicate the expansion of Interstate 94 from four to six lanes between Highway 241 and Highway 101 northwest of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.	[News Release] [Corridors of Commerce]
10/14/15	**Over 1,300 Low Income Workers To Receive Training**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards 21 grants totaling $2,670,588 under the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) to train 1,333 lower-income individuals.	[News Release]
10/14/15	**Lt. Governor Tina Smith Congratulates MN.IT On Innovations Award**	MN.IT Services, the state's information technology agency, is recognized by the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) for Innovation Technology through the Information Communications Technology Innovations Award.	[News Release]
10/14/15	**Dual-Training Grants Available For Employers, Training Providers**	Employers can now apply for grants to help create or expand dual-training programs in advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care service or information technology industries.	[News Release]

10/15/15	**Governor Dayton To Proclaim Friday "Minnesota Lynx Day"**	To recognize the outstanding achievements of the Minnesota Lynx, Governor Dayton has declared Friday, October 16, 2015 to be "Minnesota Lynx Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release]
10/15/15	**Halloween At The Governor's Residence**	Governor Dayton is calling all ghosts, ghouls, and goblins to celebrate Halloween at the Governor's Residence on Saturday, October 31st - if they dare (1006 Summit Avenue, St. Paul). The gates of the Governor's Residence will be open from 5:00-7:00pm.	[News Release]
10/16/15	**Minnesota Reaffirms Commitment To Reducing Greenhouse Gases And Combating Global Climate Change**	Advancing Minnesota's leadership on environmental protection and clean energy innovation, Governor Dayton signs the Under 2 MOU, a global compact among cities, states and regions worldwide to limit the increase in global average temperature to below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit).	[News Release] [Under2 MOU [Global Compact]
10/16/15	**Governor Dayton Calls A Writ Of Special Election**	Governor Dayton issues a writ calling for a special election to be held to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Senator Branden Petersen. The special election will take place on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.	[News Release] [Writ]
10/18/15	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Honor Deputy Sheriff Sandberg**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the death of Deputy Sheriff Steven Sandberg.	[News Release]
10/22/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Deputy Steven Sandberg Deputy Sheriff Steven Sandberg**	In honor and remembrance of Deputy Steven Sandberg, who was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, October 18, 2015, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Friday, October 23, 2015.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/23/15	**Saint Paul Soccer Stadium**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the new major league soccer stadium for Saint Paul.	[News Release]
10/24/15	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Honor Representative Sandra Peterson**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the death of Representative Sandra Peterson.	[News Release]
10/25/15	**Governor Dayton Honors Flip Saunders**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the death of Minnesota Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders.	[News Release]
10/26/15	**Governor Dayton Hosts Vice President Of Liberia For Meeting At Residence**	Governor Dayton hosts Joseph H. Boakai, Vice President of Liberia, for a meeting at the Governor's Residence.	[News Release] [Photo]

10/27/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Celebrates Farm To School Month At Glen Lake Elementary School In Minnetonka**	Lt. Governor Smith, Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, and local legislators visit Glen Lake Elementary School in Minnetonka to celebrate Minnesota Farm to School Month.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/28/15	**Umn Gopher's Coach Jerry Kill Retirement**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the retirement of University of Minnesota Football Coach, Jerry Kill.	[News Release]
10/28/15	**Minnesota Awarded $8 Million To Invest In Biofuel Infrastructure**	The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is awarded an $8 million grant to increase the number of flex fuel pumps in the state. Minnesota is one of 21 states to receive grants through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership (BIP).	[News Release]
10/30/15	**Governor Dayton Hosts Second Judiciary Recruitment Summit**	Governor Dayton hosts the state's second Judiciary Recruitment Summit as part of Minnesota's ongoing efforts to foster diversity and inclusion in its courts.	[News Release] [Photo]
11/3/15	**Minnesota's Angel Tax Credit Program Opens Latest Round Of Funding**	The Minnesota Angel Tax Credit Program, which has attracted over $300 million for hundreds of high-tech startups in Minnesota since 2010, is accepting certification applications for 2016.	[News Release]
11/3/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Olympus Surgical Innovation Center**	Lt. Governor Smith and LifeScience Alley tours Olympus Surgical Technologies America (OSTA) as part of a week of activities devoted to recognizing the global impact of Minnesota's medical technology community.	[News Release]
11/3/15	**Governor Dayton Encourages Minnesotans To Give To Food Shelves This Holiday Season**	Governor Dayton visits the Horizons Unlimited food shelf at the Division of Indian Work to thank Jerry's Cub Foods for their contributions to the food shelf.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
11/4/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Kicks-Off Minnesota Medtech Week**	As part of Minnesota MedTech Week, Lt. Governor Smith highlights the contributions of this industry to Minnesota's economy, the availability of state assistance for entrepreneurs, and opportunities for the state to foster further industry growth.	[News Release] [Medical Device Patents]
11/5/15	**Mndot Marks Start Of Highway 53 Relocation Project In Virginia**	Lt. Governor Smith and other state and local officials officially mark the start of the Highway 53 relocation project.	[News Release]
11/6/15	**Governor Dayton Hosts Reception Honoring Mexican Exchange**	Governor Dayton hosts a reception at the Governor's Residence honoring Mexican exchange students who are studying in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Photos]

	Students Studying In Minnesota		
11/13/15	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces Free Admission To State Parks On Black Friday**	Lt. Governor Smith and Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Landwehr announce that entrance fees to all 76 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas will be waived on Friday, November 27, 2015 for "Free Park Friday," encouraging Minnesotans to spend time outdoors, and with family, on the day after Thanksgiving.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Commissioner Order]
11/15/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of The Victims Of The Attack In Paris, France**	As directed by the President, flags will be flown at half-staff beginning immediately, until sunset on Thursday, November 19, 2015, as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on November 13, 2015, in Paris, France.	[News Release] [President Obama Proclamation]
11/18/15	**Potential Special Session**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the possibility of a special session.	[News Release]
11/21/15	**North Minneapolis: Jamar Clark Shooting**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the police shooting of Minneapolis resident Jamar Clark.	[News Release] [VIDEO: Governor Dayton's Statement]
11/21/15	**Governor To Convene Statewide Water Quality Summit In February**	Governor Dayton announces his plans to convene a statewide Water Quality Summit in February. The summit will focus public attention on the serious challenges facing Minnesota's water supplies - in both rural and urban areas of the state - and continue statewide dialogue around steps that must be taken to address those challenges.	[News Release]
11/23/15	**Governor Dayton Kicks Off Thanksgiving Week**	Governor Dayton is joined by Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Turkey Research and Promotion Council President Robert Orsten, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association Executive Director Steve Olson, and Colleen Moriarty of Hunger Solutions Minnesota to bring in the week's festivities. A Minnesota-grown turkey was on-hand for the occasion.	[News Release] [Photo] [Photo]
11/30/15	**Governor Dayton Demands Essar Steel Pay Its Vendors By Wednesday**	Governor Dayton informs Mr. Vuppuluri via phone call that if the company does not pay its Minnesota vendors, in full, by close of business on Wednesday, December 2nd, he will call the state's $66 million loan and demand its immediate repayment.	[News Release]

12/1/15	**Governor Dayton Breaks Ground On New Employment, Education And Healthy Living Center In North Minneapolis**	Governor Dayton joins officials to celebrate the groundbreaking of 800 West Broadway, a new employment, education and healthy living center in north Minneapolis.	[News Release]
12/1/15	**Training Mental Health Counselors For Veterans As Specialized Disaster Relief Service**	Governor Dayton takes executive action to recognize training mental health counselors for military veterans, through the American Red Cross, as an appropriate use of leave time for state employees.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
12/3/15	**Governor Proposes $100 Million Investment In Broadband Infrastructure**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement following Governor Dayton's announcement that he will propose a $100 million investment in competitive broadband infrastructure grants.	[News Release]
12/3/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of The Victims Of The Attack In San Bernardino, California**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from now until sunset on Monday, December 7, in honor of the victims of the attack in San Bernardino, California.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Proclamation] [President Obama Proclamation]
12/7/15	**Governor Dayton Appoints Health And Human Services Commissioner**	Emily Johnson Piper is selected to lead as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).	[News Release] [Headshot]
12/7/15	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**	Governor Dayton proclaims Monday, December 7, 2015, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Minnesota, in honor of the 74th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the more than 2,400 Americans who lost their lives in these attacks.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Proclamation] [President Obama Proclamation]
12/8/15	**Pew: Minnesota Is A Leader On Rainy Day Fund Policy**	A report released from The Pew Charitable Trusts highlights Minnesota as having one of the most robust reserve policies in the nation.	[News Release] [Pew Report] [VIDEO: Budget Press Conference]
12/15/15	**White House Chief Of Staff Denis Mcdonough To Visit Iron Range**	White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough, the President's top advisor, will be in Virginia, MN at Range Community & Technical College on Tuesday, December 22nd to discuss the Iron Range layoffs and the national steel crisis directly with affected workers, mining executives, business leaders and local elected officials.	[News Release]
12/15/15	**Governor Dayton Pursues $795 Million In Funding For Clean Water, Wildlife Habitat**	Governor Dayton submits a $795 million proposal to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for Minnesota.	[News Release] [Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program]

12/31/15	**Essar Steel Accepts Governor Dayton's Final Offer For Loan Repayment**	Governor Dayton is notified that Essar Steel Minnesota and its parent company, Essar Global Fund Ltd., have accepted his final offer for repayment of the state's $66 million loan.	[News Release] [LETTER: Governor Dayton to Essar Steel]
1/3/16	**Minnesota's Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the projected budget forecast for the state.	[News Release]
1/5/16	**Takeda Pharmaceutical Acquires Brooklyn Park Facility**	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., the largest pharmaceutical company in Japan and among the industry leaders, announces it has acquired a biologics manufacturing facility in Brooklyn Park.	[News Release]
1/5/16	**Minnesota Awards $32 Million In Grants For Transportation Infrastructure Projects**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in partnership with the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), awards $32 million in grants for 11 state highway projects that will support growing industry and businesses, leverage private funding, and improve the transportation system for all users.	[News Release]
1/10/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints The Honorable Margaret H. Chutich To The Minnesota Supreme Court**	The Honorable Margaret H. Chutich is appointed by Governor Dayton as the Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.	[News Release] [Headshot]
1/11/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Nordic Ware Day" In Minnesota**	Marking the Minnesota-based manufacturer's 70th anniversary, Governor Dayton proclaims Monday, January 11, 2016 to be "Nordic Ware Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/12/16	**President Obama's Final State Of The Union Address**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement following President Barack Obama's final State of the Union Address.	[News Release]
1/14/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Recognizes State Government Reforms**	Lt. Governor Smith honors state employees, who worked on eight different reform projects that have greatly improved the services their agencies provide for Minnesota residents and businesses.	[News Release]
1/14/16	**Governor Dayton Announces $220 Million Plan To Modernize Minnesota's Aging Water Infrastructure And Protect Water Quality**	Governor Dayton announces a $219.7 million plan to modernize Minnesota's aging wastewater and drinking water infrastructure, and protect groundwater from contamination.	[News Release] [MAP: Clean Water Infrastructure] [SNAPSHOT: Water Quality and Infrastructure Plan] [FACT SHEET: Clean Water Infrastructure] [SUMMARY: Minnesota's Water Infrastructure]

1/14/16	**Lt. Governor Smith, Minnesota Office Of Higher Education Announce New Student Loan Refinancing Initiative**	A new student loan refinancing program is available to Minnesota residents who want to lower their monthly payments or overall student debt burden.	[News Release]
1/14/16	**Registration Now Open For Governor's Water Summit**	The summit will focus public attention on the serious challenges facing Minnesota's water supplies – in both rural and urban areas of the state – and continue statewide dialogue around steps that must be taken to address those challenges.	[News Release] [Governor's Water Summit]
1/15/16	**Governor's Jobs Bill Would Create Over 39,000 Minnesota Jobs**	Governor Dayton introduces a Jobs Bill that would invest $1.4 billion in infrastructure projects statewide, creating an estimated 39,900 Minnesota jobs*.	[News Release] [MAP: Projects and Job Proposal] [SNAPSHOT: Governor Dayton's 2016 Jobs Proposal] [SPREADSHEET: Jobs Bill]
1/15/16	**Governor Dayton To Crack-Down On Illegal Poaching**	Governor Dayton proposes significant reforms to Minnesota's poaching laws this session. At the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Annual Roundtable, Governor Dayton reiterated his push to enact more stringent penalties for those who intentionally violate the state's hunting and fishing laws.	[News Release]
1/19/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints A New Public Utilities Commissioner**	Governor Dayton appoints Matthew Schuerger to serve a six year term on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.	[News Release] [Headshot]
1/23/16	**Senator Jim Metzen To Retire**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the retirement of Senator Jim Metzen.	[Governor Dayton Statement] [Lt. Governor Smith Statement]
1/28/16	**Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Supports Training For 560 Workers In Cloquet**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards a $350,000 grant from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Program to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College to develop an in-house training system for employees of Sappi Fine Paper in Cloquet.	[News Release]
1/28/16	**Gallup Ranks Minnesota First In The Nation In Job Creation Index**	Minnesota ranks first in the nation in job creation, according to the 2015 Job Creation Index report just released by the Gallup Inc. polling company.	[News Release] [Gallup Poll]
1/28/16	**Water Quality Buffer Law**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to House Republican objections to the Water Quality Buffer Law.	[News Release]

2/1/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Black History Month In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims February to be Black History Month in the State of Minnesota. While African-American history should be studied throughout the year, Black History Month provides a special opportunity to focus on the unique experiences and contributions of African Americans.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/3/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Pushes For Rail Safety Investments In Moorhead**	Lt. Governor Smith and local elected officials visit the site of a proposed $42 million rail grade separation project in Moorhead. The current intersection poses a public safety risk, and causes regular delays for area residents and businesses.	[News Release]
2/3/16	**Governor's Task Force On Broadband Report Releases 2016 Report**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement in response to the Governor's Task Force on Broadband.	[News Release] [2016 Report]
2/9/16	**Governor Dayton Proposes Six Weeks Of Paid Parental Leave For All State Employees**	Governor Dayton announces his proposal to provide six weeks of paid parental leave for all state employees. The proposal, which Governor Dayton announced during a forum with U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, is one of the Governor's first budget proposals for the upcoming 2016 Legislative Session.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Six Weeks of Paid Parental Leave] [GIF]
2/10/16	**The Federal Clean Power Plan**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the Court's ruling on the Federal Clean Power Plan.	[News Release]
2/11/16	**38,000 Minnesota Kids Gained Access To Health Insurance In 2014**	The University of Minnesota and the State Health Access Data Assistance Center release a new study showing that between 2013 and 2104, 38,000 Minnesota children gained access to quality health care coverage.	[News Release] [Report]
2/14/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice Of The United States Supreme Court**	In accordance with the proclamation issued last night by President Barack Obama, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be immediately flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, in honor and remembrance of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.	[News Release] [President Obama Proclamation]
2/16/16	**95,000 Minnesota Students To Receive State Grant Increases**	Lt. Governor Smith and Higher Education Commissioner Larry Pogemiller announce that an estimated 95,000 Minnesota students will receive hundreds of dollars more in direct financial aid in the upcoming 2016-17 school year.	[News Release]

2/19/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "NHL Stadium Series Weekend" In Minnesota**	Marking the first time a National Hockey League game will ever be played outdoors in Minnesota, Governor Dayton declares February 20-21, 2016 to be "NHL Stadium Series Weekend." Governor Dayton's proclamation honors the incredible history, heritage, and passion for hockey in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/22/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Praise Higher Minnesota Graduation Rates**	The Minnesota Department of Education release a new report showing that Minnesota's graduation rate increased from 81.2 percent in 2014 to 81.9 percent in 2015. The report showed gains in graduation rates among all student groups except English Learners over the last year.	[News Release]
2/23/16	**Minnesota National Guard To Promote First Female General**	Air Force Col. Sandra L. Best will be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General during a pinning ceremony, Feb. 25 in Minneapolis. Best is the first woman to achieve the rank of Brigadier General in the Minnesota National Guard.	[News Release]
2/24/16	**State Senator Leroy Stumpf Retires**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the retirement of Minnesota Senator LeRoy Stumpf.	[News Release]
2/24/16	**Governor Dayton To Convene Water Summit This Saturday**	Governor Dayton will host the first-ever Governor's Water Summit at the InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront, to focus public attention on the serious challenges facing Minnesota's water supplies – in both rural and urban areas of the state – and continue statewide dialogue around steps that must be taken to address those challenges.	[News Release]
2/25/16	**White House Announces New Actions To Crack Down On Illegal Steel Dumping**	After efforts from Governor Dayton, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, and Representative Rick Nolan, the White House has announced new executive actions to crack down on illegal steel dumping.	[News Release]
2/25/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Sergeant Dillion J. Semolina**	In honor and remembrance of United States Marine Corps Sergeant and Delano, Minnesota resident Dillion J. Semolina, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Friday, February 26, 2016.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/1/16	**Apply To Serve On The Board Of Peace Officer Standards And Training**	Governor Dayton encourages all eligible Minnesotans to apply for one of the four current vacancies on the	[News Release]

		Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board).	
3/1/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims March To Be "Women's History Month" In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims March to be "Women's History Month" in the State of Minnesota. While women's history should be celebrated and studied throughout the year, this is a time to observe the role women have played in shaping Minnesota's history, and the critical role all women play in shaping our state's future.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/1/16	**Minnesota's Uninsured Rate Drops To Historic Low**	The Minnesota Department of Health and the University of Minnesota release a new report showing that Minnesota cut its uninsured rate nearly in half between 2013 and 2015, with the rate of Minnesotans without health insurance now at an all-time low.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Health Release]
3/3/16	**Report Highlights Gains, Challenges To Improving Diversity And Inclusion In State Government**	The Governor's Diversity and Inclusion Council issues its 2016 report updating policymakers and Minnesotans on the Council's efforts to improve diversity in the state's workforce and business supplier chain, and to more equitably engage diverse people, communities, and businesses in the work of state government.	[News Release] [2016 Council Report]
3/7/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of Former First Lady Nancy Reagan**	In accordance with the proclamation issued this morning by President Barack Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be immediately flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, in honor and remembrance of Former First Lady Nancy Reagan.	[News Release] [President Obama Proclamation]
3/7/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Honor Bernard Brommer**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the passing of former AFL-CIO President Bernard Brommer.	[News Release]
3/9/16	**Governor Dayton's State Of The State Address**	Remarks of Governor Dayton's State of the State Address as delivered.	[News Release] [Video]
3/10/16	**Minnesotans Respond To The Governor Dayton's State Of The State Address**	Governor Dayton delivered his sixth State of the State Address to the Minnesota Legislature. In the speech, Governor Dayton called on the Legislature to make the tough choices and make the investments needed to preserve the state for future generations.	[News Release]

3/10/16	**Resignation Of Supreme Court Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the resignation of Supreme Court Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen.	[News Release] [Minnesota Judicial Branch Release]
3/13/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Honor Congressman Martin Sabo**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the passing of Congressman Martin Sabo.	[News Release]
3/15/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Release 2016 Supplemental Budget For A Better Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith propose a supplemental state budget that would protect Minnesota's financial future, while making critical investments in an economy that works better for all Minnesotans.	[News Release] [SNAPSHOT: Supplemental Budget] [SPREADSHEET: Supplemental Budget] [DETAILED SUMMARIES: Supplemental Budget] [FACT SHEET: A Responsible Budget that Works for All Minnesotans] [FACT SHEET: A Fiscally Responsible Budget for a Better Minnesota] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Kids, Families, and Communities] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Early Learning] [FACT SHEET: Building an Economy that Works for All Minnesotans] [FACT SHEET: Tax Cuts for Over 400,000 Minnesotans] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transit Systems] [FACT SHEET: Transportation Investments Listed by County, City] [FACT SHEET: Broadband: Connecting to the 21st Century Economy] [FACT SHEET: Critical Needs: Mental Health and Public Safety] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Infrastructure, Creating 39,900 Jobs] [FACT SHEET: Cleaning Up Minnesota's Water]

3/15/16	**What Minnesotans Are Saying About The 2016 Supplemental Budget For A Better Minnesota**	Minnesotans respond to Governor Dayton's and Lt. Governor Smith's proposed supplemental state budget.	[News Release]
3/16/16	**Statement From Governor Dayton On Unemployment Insurance Benefits For Laid-Off Iron Range Workers**	Governor Dayton releases a statement clarifying prior comments regarding unemployment insurance benefits for laid-off Iron Range workers.	[News Release]
3/16/16	**Dfl Legislators Applaud Dayton's Equity Proposals**	DFL legislators are pleased to see Governor Dayton's funding for equity programs in his budget. The $100 million proposal funds programs that work to eliminate economic and racial disparities through education, training, work experience, housing, business development, and community development.	[News Release]
3/17/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Tours Aging Minnesota Department Of Transportation Facility, North Country Food Bank In Crookston**	Lt. Governor Smith and Transportation Commissioner Charlie Zelle tour the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) District Two Facility in Crookston, which has been consistently identified as one of the worst MnDOT facilities in Minnesota.	[News Release]
3/17/16	**Lt. Governor Smith, Transportation Commissioner Zelle Participate In Transportation Roundtable Hosted By Bemidji Chamber Of Commerce**	Lt. Governor Smith and Transportation Commissioner Zelle participate in a roundtable discussion in Bemidji focused on finding a long-term transportation funding solution.	[News Release] ** [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
3/18/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Hosts Discussion About Prairie Island Rail Grade Crossing In Red Wing**	Lt. Governor Smith hosts a roundtable discussion about the Prairie Island Rail Crossing, which divides the Prairie Island Indian Community and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant from the rest of Red Wing.	[News Release]
3/18/16	**Governor Dayton's Meeting With Ford Executives**	Governor Dayton, Mayor Chris Coleman and Councilmember Chris Tolbert release a joint statement following a meeting with executives from Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.	[News Release]
3/20/16	**Congressional Quarterly Roll Call Names Lt. Governor Smith Among "The 25 Most Influential Women In State Politics"**	Congressional Quarterly Roll Call names Lt. Governor Tina Smith among The 25 Most Influential Women in State Politics. The series "tells the stories of 25 women who have made change happen" in their respective states. Lt. Governor Smith is honored alongside governors, legislative leaders, and other influential female	[News Release] [Influential Women Series] [Article]

		office holders from across the United States.	
3/22/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Urges Support For Chemistry And Advanced Materials Science Building At University Of Minnesota Duluth**	Lt. Governor Smith convenes a roundtable discussion at the University of Minnesota Duluth today to highlight the proposed Chemistry and Advanced Materials Science Building project.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Jobs Bill]
3/22/16	**Rural Broadband Access Meeting In Warroad**	Lt. Governor Smith participates in a meeting, hosted by Marvin Windows, focused on the importance of ensuring that Minnesotans have reliable, affordable broadband internet access.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Connecting to the 21st Century Economy]
3/22/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Urges Minnesota Legislature To Support Investments In Falls International Airport**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Falls International Airport in International Falls to highlight the Administration's Jobs Bill, which would invest in infrastructure that supports innovation and economic growth across Minnesota.	[News Release]
3/22/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of The Victims Of The Attack In Brussels, Belgium**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]
3/24/16	**Extension Of Unemployment Benefits**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the 26-week extension of unemployment benefits for Iron Range workers.	[News Release]
3/29/16	**Winona State Education Village Would Train Minnesota's Next Generation Of Teachers**	Lt. Governor Smith hosts a roundtable discussion at Winona State University to highlight the Education Village project, which would renovate existing space into modern, integrated classrooms for students pursuing careers in teaching.	[News Release]
3/29/16	**Edgerton Water Quality Forum: What You Need To Know**	On Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Governor Dayton and key members of his Cabinet are visiting Edgerton, Minnesota, to discuss water quality challenges facing southwestern Minnesota, and solutions that can help assure clean, affordable drinking water for area residents.	[News Release]
3/29/16	**Dennison Water Challenges Demonstrate Urgent Need To Invest In Minnesota's Aging, Under-Funded Drinking Water Systems**	In a continued push to invest $220 million in clean water infrastructure statewide, Lt. Governor Smith today visited the City of Dennison, which urgently needs repairs to its local drinking water facilities.	[News Release] [MAP: Proposed Clean Water Infrastructure] [SNAPSHOT: Governor Dayton's Water Quality Plan] [FACT SHEET: Clean Water]

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3/30/16	**Forbes: Minnesota Companies Among Nation's Best Employers**	Several Minnesota companies top Forbes Magazine's 2016 "America's Best Employers" list.	[News Release] [Forbes Magazine Rankings]
3/30/16	**Jamar Clark Case Decision**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman's decision in the Jamar Clark case.	[News Release]
3/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Real ID**	Chapter 83, SF 1646: This bill directs the Department of Public Safety to study the costs and implementation of Real ID-compliant drivers licenses.	[News Release]
3/31/16	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith Call For Investments In Early Education In Visit To Kaposia Education Center**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith today are visiting Kaposia Education Center in South St. Paul to meet with students, teachers, and parents, to discuss the success of PreKindergarten education at the school.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Early Learning]
4/4/16	**Statements From Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith On Recent Actions In North Carolina**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release a statement following the North Carolina Governor and State Legislature's legislation that overturned state protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Letter] [Commissioner Frans Memo]
4/6/16	**Governor Dayton Calls For Investments In Patient And Worker Safety At State Facilities**	Governor Dayton calls on legislators to approve critical funding for Minnesota's state hospitals and mental health facilities.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Critical Needs: Mental Health and Public Safety]
4/6/16	**Ceasing Non-Essential State Employee Travel To Mississippi**	Following recent legislation enacted by the Mississippi and North Carolina Legislatures, Governor Dayton instructs all state employees to refrain from any non-essential travel to Mississippi until the law is repealed.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Letter] [Commissioner Frans Memo]
4/7/16	**The United Black Legislative Agenda**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the United Black Legislative Agenda.	[News Release]
4/7/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Announce Free GED Testing For Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith announce General Educational Development (GED) testing is available at no cost to eligible Minnesotans through July 2016, expanding economic opportunity for thousands of Minnesotans across the state.	[News Release]
4/7/16	**House Republican Budget Targets**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the House Republican Budget Targets	[News Release]
4/8/16	**Lt. Governor Smith, Transportation Commissioner Zelle Talk Transportation And Rail**	Lt. Governor Smith and Transportation Commissioner Zelle participate in a roundtable discussion in Coon Rapids today focused on the need for	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges,

	Safety At Roundtable In Coon Rapids	investments in rail safety and a comprehensive transportation plan.	and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
4/8/16	**Lt. Governor Smith, Transportation Commissioner Zelle Talk Transportation At Roundtable In St. Cloud**	Lt. Governor Smith and Transportation Commissioner Zelle participate in a roundtable discussion in St. Cloud focused on the need for a comprehensive transportation plan	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
4/8/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints New Chief Inclusion Officer For The State Of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton appoints James C. Burroughs II as Chief Inclusion Officer for the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Biography]
4/8/16	**Mnscu Chancellor Steven Rosenstone Retires**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith releases statements on the retirement of MnSCU Chancellor Steven Rosenstone.	[News Release]
4/8/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Convenes Broadband Access Roundtable Meeting In Becker**	Lt. Governor Smith convenes a meeting in Becker focused on the importance of ensuring Minnesotans have reliable, affordable broadband internet access.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Connecting to the 21st Century Economy]
4/11/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Joins Department Of Transportation Inspection Team For Review Of The 16th Street Bridge In Rochester**	Lt. Governor Smith and Transportation Commissioner Zelle join a bridge inspection team at the 16th Street SW Bridge in Rochester to highlight the importance of ongoing investments in bridge infrastructure.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
4/12/16	**New Study On Twin Cities Region's Racial Disparities Provides Further Evidence Of Need For Action To Eliminate Disparities**	A new report suggests that race and ethnicity – not other demographic differences – are driving the disparities of the Twin Cities metropolitan region, particularly between white and black Minnesotans (born in and outside the U.S.).	[News Release] [SUMMARY: Diving Deeper]
4/12/16	**Equal Pay Day**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement on Equal Pay Day.	[News Release]
4/13/16	**House Republican Broadband Proposals**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement on the House Republican Broadband Proposal.	[News Release]
4/14/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints New Commissioner Of Employment And Economic Development For The State Of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton appoints Shawntera Hardy as new Commissioner of the Employment and Economic Development Department for the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Headshot]
4/14/16	**St. Cloud State University's Eastman Hall Project Would Help Students Develop Skills**	Lt. Governor Smith convenes a roundtable discussion at St. Cloud State University to highlight the	[News Release]

	For Health And Human Services Careers	proposed Eastman Hall renovation project.	
4/14/16	**Passage Of Buffer Legislation**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the passage of the Buffer Legislation by the Minnesota Senate from a vote of 61-0.	[News Release]
4/14/16	**Essar Steel**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the Essar Steel company.	[News Release]
4/15/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Calls For Investments In Early Education In Visit To Excelsior Preschool Classroom**	Lt. Governor Smith visits a preschool classroom at Minnetonka Community Education Center in Excelsior. Lt. Governor Smith also meets with teachers to discuss the importance of early education access.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Early Learning] [Photo]
4/15/16	**Governor Dayton Calls For A Year Of Safe Water Action In Minnesota**	At the Freshwater Society's 2016 State of Water Conference in Alexandria, Governor Dayton calls for a Year of Safe Water Action in Minnesota.	[News Release] [MAP: Proposed Clean Water Infrastructure] [SNAPSHOT: Governor Dayton's Water Quality Plan] [FACT SHEET: Clean Water] [SUMMARY: Clean Water Meetings]
4/18/16	**Water Action Week Gets Underway In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and key members of his administration launch Water Action Week in Minnesota – a week-long effort to engage Minnesotans in conversations about the challenges facing our lakes, rivers, and drinking water systems.	[News Release] [A Year of Water Action]
4/18/16	**Lt. Governor Smith And Transportation Commissioner Zelle Talk Transportation At Roundtable In Marshall**	Lt. Governor Smith and Transportation Commissioner Zelle participate in a roundtable discussion in Marshall focused on the need for a comprehensive transportation plan.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
4/18/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Convenes Border-To-Border Broadband Access Roundtable Meeting In Willmar**	Lt. Governor Smith convenes a meeting in Willmar focused on the importance of ensuring that Minnesotans have reliable, affordable broadband internet access.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Connecting to the 21st Century Economy]
4/18/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Fundraising**	Chapter 84, SF 2850: This bill authorizes fund raising for the Minnesota State Capitol grand reopening.	[News Release]
4/19/16	**Minnesota Kids, Students Take Action For Water Quality**	Governor Dayton visits Willow Lane Elementary School in White Bear Lake and the University of Minnesota to see how Minnesota students are making a difference for water quality.	[News Release]

4/20/16	**Governor, St. Paul Mayor Make A Toast To Tap Water**	As Water Action Week continues, Governor Dayton visits the McCarron's Water Treatment Plant in Saint Paul with Mayor Chris Coleman to celebrate the City's nation-leading work in providing clean drinking water to more than 425,000 residents in Saint Paul and surrounding communities.	[News Release]
4/20/16	**Earthquake In Ecuador**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements in response to the Earthquake in Ecuador.	[News Release]
4/21/16	**Governor Dayton On Water Quality: "Failure Is Not An Option"**	"My father, Bruce Dayton, taught me that good stewardship is one of our most important responsibilities: to take what we have been given, or have acquired, and leave it in better condition for those who will inherit it from us."	[News Release]
4/21/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Honor Prince**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the passing of Prince.	[News Release]
4/22/16	**Governor Dayton Orders I-35W Bridge To Remain Purple All Weekend**	In commemoration of the life of one of Minnesota's most beloved native sons and an international music legend, Prince, Governor Dayton directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation to continue the purple lighting on the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis through the weekend.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/22/16	**Governor Dayton Honors Minnesota "Water Heroes"**	As Water Action Week concludes on Earth Day, Governor Dayton honors three Minnesota "Water Heroes" for their efforts to protect and improve the quality and availability of water in Minnesota, and around the world.	[News Release]
4/25/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Relating To Buffer Law Clarifications**	Chapter 85, SF 2503: This bill clarifies the buffer law passed by the Minnesota legislature last year.	[News Release]
4/25/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Relating To A Dual Training Grant Program**	Chapter 86, SF 2614: This bill clarifies Minnesota's dual training grant program.	[News Release]
4/25/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Nonprofits**	Chapter 87, HF 1003: This bill allows local governments to donate some surplus equipment to nonprofit organizations.	[News Release]
4/26/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints New State Rail Director**	Governor Dayton appoints Alene Tchourumoff to serve as Minnesota's new State Rail Director.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/27/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Urges Action On Transit This Session At Burnsville Roundtable**	At a roundtable discussion in Burnsville, Lt. Governor Smith urges action on new transit investments this session.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems]

			[FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
4/27/16	**Senate Dfl Broadband News Conference**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement on the Senate DFL Broadband News Conference.	[News Release]
4/27/16	**Governor Dayton Establishes Mental Health Task Force**	Governor Dayton announces creation of the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health to advise the Governor and Legislature on improvements to Minnesota's mental health systems.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
4/27/16	**Science Museum Of Minnesota Selected By NASA To Lead The Interpretation Of Space And Earth Science For Museums Across The U.S.**	The Science Museum of Minnesota announces that it has been selected to lead a national effort to engage the public in space and earth science from NASA's Science Mission Directorate.	[News Release]
4/28/16	**Governor Dayton Announces State Equity Audit And Working Group**	In his continuing efforts to make the state's workforce reflect the diversity of Minnesotans, and expand opportunity for Minnesotans of color, Governor Dayton announces an independent audit of the state's procurement, human rights and affirmative action practices.	[News Release] [Photo] [LIST: Working Group Participants]
4/29/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith: Transportation Bill Must Include $600 Million For Roads And Bridges, $280 Million For Transit**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith today deliver a letter to Minnesota's legislative leaders, making clear to House Speaker Kurt Daudt and Republicans in the Legislature what must be included in this year's transportation bill.	[News Release] [Letter] [DIAGRAM: Transportation Funding] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
4/29/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To EMS Services**	Chapter 88, HF 2613: This bill establishes a designation for hospitals to be receiving centers for patients with serious heart attacks, and requires EMS programs to develop standards for transporting those patients.	[News Release]
4/29/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Patent Licensing**	Chapter 89, HF 1586: This bill prohibits bad faith assertions of patent infringements, known as "patent trolling."	[News Release]
4/29/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Military Members**	Chapter 90, HF 3252: This bill allows certain military members, veterans, and their spouses to have the experience requirement for a real estate broker's license waived, if the licenses were cancelled due to their service.	[News Release]

4/29/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workers' Compensation**	Chapter 91, HF 2994: This bill modifies retention limits for workers' compensation reinsurance.	[News Release]
5/3/16	**Minnesota Lawmakers Urge Administration To Allow Minnesota Usage Of The State's Medicaid Home And Community-Based Services Policy**	Governor Dayton, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, and Representatives Peterson, McCollum, Ellison, Walz, Paulsen, Nolan, and Emmer urge the Administration to allow Minnesota to continue to use the state's current policy that protects families who are affected by a catastrophic health event.	[News Release]
5/4/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Joins Kids To Walk, Bike To School**	As part of the fifth annual Bike to School Day, Lt. Governor Smith joins students, staff, and parents from Falcon Heights Elementary School to bike and walk to school.	[News Release] [Photos] [Video] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
5/4/16	**Governor Dayton And Dflers Urge House Republicans To Release Bonding Proposal**	Governor Dayton, Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk, and House Minority Leader Paul Thissen hold a joint news conference, calling on Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt and his Republican Caucus to release their bonding bill.	[News Release] [GOP Bonding Projects]
5/6/16	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order 16-03**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 16-03, providing for emergency assistance to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (MIFC) from the Minnesota National Guard.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
5/6/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Agency Membership**	Chapter 92, HF 2956: This bill makes changes to the membership of the Dakota County Community Development Agency, and changes the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to the Washington County Community Development Agency.	[News Release]
5/6/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Assault**	Chapter 93, SF 2227: This bill clarifies the offense of fourth-degree assault against a peace officer.	[News Release]
5/6/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Host Community Economic Development Grant Program**	Chapter 94, HF 2514: This bill makes changes to the Host Community Economic Development Grant Program.	[News Release]
5/6/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Sanitary Districts**	Chapter 95, HF 1674: This bill modifies procedures related to the way sanitary districts are set up or ended.	[News Release]
5/6/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To**	Chapter 96, SF 3084: This bill allows local municipalities to permit electric	[News Release]

	Transportation Technology	motors on pedicabs, rickshaws or other bicycle taxis.	
5/9/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Urges Action On Transit This Session At Eden Prairie Roundtable**	At a roundtable discussion in Eden Prairie, Lt. Governor Smith urges action on new transit investments this session.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Our Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Systems] [FACT SHEET: Investing In Roads and Bridges]
5/10/16	**2016 Minnesota Fishing Opener Hosts Selected For Governor And Lieutenant Governor**	McGregor residents and accomplished anglers Bob Staska and Glenn Lane will host Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith, respectively, at the 2016 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor on Saturday, May 14.	[News Release]
5/11/16	**Governor Dayton To Host 69th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener**	As over 500,000 Minnesotans gear up to go fishing this weekend, Governor Dayton gets ready to host Minnesota's 69th Annual Governor's Fishing Opener at Big Sandy Lake in McGregor, Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**17 County Officials Join Chorus Calling For New, Dedicated, Sustainable Transportation Funding**	Minnesotans and local leaders are calling for new, dedicated, and sustainable funding – including a modest gas tax increase – to address Minnesota's critical transportation funding needs.	[News Release] [Letter from County Officials] [Local Options for Sales Tax]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Public Utilities Commission**	Chapter 97, HF 2718: This bill allows the City of Elk River to increase the membership of its public utilities commission.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 98, HF 2927: This bill allows eligible businesses to place "specific service" signs on two trunk highways.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Nursing Facilities**	Chapter 99, SF 2539: This bill recodifies nursing facility rates language into a new chapter.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Taxes**	Chapter 100, SF 2869: This bill makes tax debt covered under debt settlement services regulation.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Fetal Alcohol Disorders**	Chapter 101, SF 2896: This bill requires training on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders for child foster care providers.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Local Government**	Chapter 102, SF 2986: This bill gives cities the same powers as a town to regulate fences.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Patient Autonomy**	Chapter 103, SF 107: This bill requires hospitals to give patients an opportunity to designate a caregiver to provide aftercare assistance once the patient leaves the hospital.	[News Release]

5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Water Treatment Technology**	Chapter 104, SF 3272: This bill provides incentives for nutrient wastewater treatment technology.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Assistance**	Chapter 105, SF 2430: This bill makes technical corrections to the per diem for medical assistance median total care-related costs.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Screening**	Chapter 106, SF 2498: This bill modifies the screening requirements for co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency disorders.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Consumer Protection**	Chapter 107, HF 2954: This bill regulates unfair practices in motor vehicle distribution.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Community Corrections Programs**	Chapter 108, HF 2870: This bill allows counties to continue participating in the community corrections subsidy program.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Criminal Vehicular Homicide**	Chapter 109, HF 71: This bill creates an enhanced penalty for impaired criminal vehicular homicide, when one occurs within ten years of a qualified prior driving offense.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Workers' Compensation Advisory Council**	Chapter 110, HF 2478: This bill adopts the recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Facilities**	Chapter 111, SF 2555: This bill regulates the zoning of temporary family health care dwellings.	[News Release]
5/12/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care**	Chapter 112, SF 2426: This bill excludes mental health treatment from inmate co-payments.	[News Release]
5/15/16	**Greater St. Cloud Area To Host 2017 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener**	Next year's Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener will be held on the Mississippi River in the St. Cloud area, May 11-14, 2017. It will be the first time in the history of the Governor's Fishing Opener that the event will be held in the St. Cloud area.	[News Release]
5/16/16	**Governor Dayton Details Two Compromise Proposals To Fund Minnesota's Aging, Underfunded Transportation Systems**	Governor Dayton and his Administration work throughout the weekend to develop two compromise transportation proposals that would break the stalemate at the Capitol, and fix Minnesota's aging, underfunded transportation systems.	[News Release] [GRAPHIC: Transportation Compromise] [FACT SHEET: Compromise 1] [FACT SHEET: Compromise 2] [DETAILED LOOK: Compromise 1] [DETAILED LOOK: Compromise 2]
5/16/16	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 16-04**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 16-04, directing the Minnesota National Guard's Adjutant	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]

		General to provide personnel and equipment for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant safety drills and exercises.	
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Licensure Background Checks**	Chapter 113, HF 3175: This bill requires background checks for driving instructor license applicants.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation Technology**	Chapter 114, HF 3014: This bill establishes regulations for autocycles.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Public Utilities Commission**	Chapter 115, HF 1066: This bill establishes a process for certain incumbent telecommunications providers to petition the Public Utilities Commission to be regulated like competitive telecommunications providers.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Criminal Justice Policy**	Chapter 116, HF 3423: This bill establishes an advisory group on statewide criminal and juvenile justice, including information policy and funding issues.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Highway Memorials**	Chapter 117, SF 2315: This bill designates a segment of Highway 7 in McLeod County as Patrol Officer Michael Alan Hogan Memorial Highway.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating Highway Memorials**	Chapter 118, SF 3262: This bill designates a segment of Highway 28 as Staff Sergeant Kevin Witte Memorial Highway.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Licensure**	Chapter 119, HF 2445: This bill makes technical changes to a licensing requirement for osteopathic physicians and to the composition of the Board of Medical Practice.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Civil Commitment**	Chapter 120, HF 2803: This bill prohibits participation in clinical drug trials by persons subject to emergency admission or apprehend and hold orders; specifying notice requirements for early termination of an emergency admission.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Statute Of Limitations**	Chapter 121, HF 3482: This bill extends the statute of limitations for some identity theft crimes.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Prescription Drugs**	Chapter 122, SF 2548: This bill allows pharmacists to dispense a 90-day supply of prescription drugs under certain circumstances.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 123, SF 3317: This bill makes changes to the dry cleaner response and reimbursement account.	[News Release]

5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Prescription Drugs**	Chapter 124, SF 1425: This bill clarifies the requirements for the collection and disposal of legend drugs as pharmaceutical waste.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care**	Chapter 125, HF 1036: This bill modifies provisions related to physician assistants, midwives, and nurses, as well as provisions related to license suspension and contested case hearings.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Autonomy And Privacy**	Chapter 126, SF 2713: This bill creates civil and criminal penalties for the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, commonly referred to as "revenge porn."	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 127, SF 2802: This bill regulates eyelash extension services.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The A Workplace Accident And Injury Reduction Program**	Chapter 128, SF 2733: This bill makes changes to the A Workplace Accident and Injury Reduction (AWAIR) program.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Workforce Development**	Chapter 129, SF 2709: This bill updates references to workforce development boards to conform with federal law.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Legislative Coordinating Commission**	Chapter 130, SF 1372: This bill changes laws relating to the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), including on legislative contracts for professional and technical services, ethnic councils, and the law governing the chair of the LCC.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Outdoor Recreation Licensure**	Chapter 131, SF 1075: This bill requires online applications for hunting and fishing licenses to have an option for organ donation.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Child Alimony**	Chapter 132, HF 1333: This bill allows for alimony to be terminated when the person receiving it is living with another person.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Construction Regulation**	Chapter 133, SF 1898: This bill allows for certain progress payments and maximum retainages in building and construction contracts.	[News Release]
5/19/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Business**	Chapter 134, SF 3175: This bill regulates bullion product dealers.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Omnibus Civil Law**	Chapter 135, HF 1372: This is the omnibus civil law bill.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Child Protection**	Chapter 136, HF 3370: This bill requires a written statement for a change of information by registered predatory offenders and authorizes	[News Release]

		access to registration data by child protection workers.	
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Marriage Licensure**	Chapter 137, HF 2294: This bill eliminates the waiting period for a marriage license.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Raffle Boards**	Chapter 138, HF 3281: This bill makes changes to raffle boards.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Lawful Gambling**	Chapter 139, HF 3102: This bill makes housekeeping changes to lawful gambling.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Nursing Home Facilities**	Chapter 140, HF 2607: This bill modifies some nursing facility requirements.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care**	Chapter 141, HF 2552: For orders for protection, this bill eliminates mandatory hearing requirements for subsequent orders and extensions.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Disabilities**	Chapter 143, SF 2857: This bill modifies the disability waiver rate system.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Community Funding**	Chapter 144, SF 2881: This bill extends the sunset of an existing exception to the methodology of the consumer-directed community supports budget.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Emergency Medical Services**	Chapter 145, HF 2777: This bill authorizes hearings to determine when an emergency medical service person has a significant exposure to a someone's bodily fluids, and authorizes peace officers to take that person into temporary custody to collect a blood sample.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Employment Requirements**	Chapter 146, HF 2625: This bill extends the response time residency requirement for Richfield firefighters.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Corrections**	Chapter 147, HF 3590: This bill requires a study on establishing an earned compliance credit program for people under correctional supervision.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Imprisonment And Exoneration Remedies Act**	Chapter 148, HF 3328: This bill allows for payments under the Imprisonment and Exoneration Remedies Act, and makes other changes regarding claims of patients or inmates of a state institution.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Department Of Corrections**	Chapter 149, SF 2815: This bill authorizes the Department of Corrections to access employment data to study the effectiveness of employment programming for offenders in the community.	[News Release]

5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Medical Facilities**	Chapter 150, SF 2603: This bill requires closed captioning on televisions in medical facilities.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To County Administration**	Chapter 151, SF 2764: This bill makes changes to laws regarding central purchasing and energy forward pricing, and establishes job order contracting authority, for Hennepin County.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Telecommunications**	Chapter 152, SF 2649: This bill expands the crime of damaging energy transmission or telecommunications equipment.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Child Protection**	Chapter 153, SF 2428: This bill continues the legislative task force on child protection.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Omnibus Lands Bill**	Chapter 154, SF 2760: This is the omnibus lands bill.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care**	Chapter 155, SF 3047: This bill allows health carriers to not renew certain conversion individual health plans, and requires notifying affected policyholders.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Real Estate Finances**	Chapter 156, SF 2665: This bill regulates real estate appraiser fees, investigation costs, and appraisal management companies.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Local Government**	Chapter 157, SF 3131: This bill lists the reimbursable costs for a power purchase agreement, authorizes an increase in Hibbing's Public Utility Commission membership, establishes new council member wards for Hibbing, and changes Hibbing's form of government.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Revisor's Bill**	Chapter 158, SF 3113: This is the Revisor's bill.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Disability Equity**	Chapter 159, HF 2955: This bill establishes requirements for disability discrimination claims related to architectural barriers, and requires certain notices in building inspection reports.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Sentencing Reform**	Chapter 160, SF 3481: This is the sentencing reform bill.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Omnibus Elections Bill**	Chapter 161, SF 2381: This is the omnibus elections bill.	[News Release]
5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Presidential Primary**	Chapter 162, SF 2985: This is the presidential primary bill.	[News Release]

5/22/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health Care Policy**	Chapter 163, SF 2414: This bill modifies the office of ombudsman for long-term care, mental health treatment services, and other policy provisions.	[News Release]
5/23/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Motor Vehicle Operation**	Chapter 142, HF 3588: This bill regulates certain motor vehicle weight limits, increases weight limits for certain vehicles powered by natural gas, and makes technical changes.	[News Release]
5/23/16	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith Proclaim "Beyoncé Day" In Minnesota**	In honor of international pop star Beyoncé's performance in Minnesota, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Tina Smith have proclaimed Monday, May 23, 2016, to be "Beyoncé Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/25/16	**Governor Dayton And Land O'Lakes, Inc. Announce Public-Private Partnership To Improve Water Quality In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and Land O'Lakes, Inc. President and CEO Chris Policinski announce a new public-private partnership to protect and improve water quality across Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/26/16	**Lt. Governor Smith On Mayo Clinic Announcement**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement following Mayo Clinic's announcement that they have been awarded $142 million by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to host a national program focused on better understanding individual differences that contribute to health and disease.	[News Release]
5/27/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff For Memorial Day**	Governor Dayton has ordered all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 30, 2016, in honor of those who have died while serving in the United States Military.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/31/16	**Make Your Reservation For A Tour Of The Governor's Residence**	The 2016 Summer Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence will kick-off on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. The Residence will be open for public tours on June 14th and 28th, July 12th and 26th, and August 9th and 23rd from 10:50am to 12:20pm.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs Body Camera Legislation**	Governor Dayton signs into law legislation (Chapter 171, SF498) regarding the use of body cameras by law enforcement.	[News Release] [Letter]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Bills**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 177, SF588, a bill related to pensions, and line-item vetoes provisions within Chapter 186, SF2963, a bill related to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), which	[News Release] [Veto Letter for Chapter 177, SF588] [Veto Letter for Chapter 186, SF2963]

		appropriates proceeds from the Minnesota Lottery.	
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 164, HF 3548: This bill changes certain regulations and penalties regarding special transportation service providers.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Permitting**	Chapter 165, SF 3376: This bill provides for sulfate effluent permit compliance.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Waste Management**	Chapter 166, HF 2841: This bill modifies laws regarding electronic waste management provisions, and governs the metropolitan landfill contingency action trust account.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Family Law**	Chapter 167, HF 3308: This bill requires the court to provide information on alternative dispute resolution to parties in family law cases.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Permitting**	Chapter 168, SF 3368: This bill modifies permit requirements for temporary use of certain rights-of-way.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Transportation**	Chapter 169, SF 1111: This bill requires drivers to stop vehicles at the direction of a school bus traffic guard, and makes bus drivers not subject to seat belt fines from violations by certain passengers.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Substance Treatment**	Chapter 170, SF 2378: This bill reforms the continuum of treatment for people with substance use disorders.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Outdoor Heritage Fund**	Chapter 172, SF 2527: This bill directs outdoor heritage fund appropriations, modifies evaluation provisions, modifies prior appropriations, and makes new appropriations.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Labor Agreements**	Chapter 173, SF 2626: This bill ratifies labor agreements and compensation plans, ratifies increases in retirement agency directors' salaries, and authorizes the pension boards to establish statewide pension plan director salaries.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Child Care**	Chapter 174, SF 3208: This bill creates a legislative task force on child care affordability, and requires a report to the Governor and Legislature.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Crime Investigation**	Chapter 175, HF 3469: This bill modifies the crime of interfering with a body or scene of death, and increases the sentence for the crime.	[News Release]

5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Administrative Finances**	Chapter 176, HF 2553: This bill eliminates respondent filing fees for orders for protection.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Health**	Chapter 179, HF 3142: This bill makes changes to laws regarding the statewide trauma system, home care, hearing instrument dispensers, Zika preparedness, and food, beverage, and lodging establishments.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Railroad Safety**	Chapter 180, SF 877: This bill sets requirements for utilities crossing railroad rights-of-way.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Solar Energy**	Chapter 181, HF 3353: This bill establishes voluntary solar site management practices.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Controlled Substances**	Chapter 182, HF 3333: This bill modifies the schedules of controlled substances.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Gambling**	Chapter 183, HF 3211: This bill allows for advance deposit wagering for horse-racing, and allows for horse-racing revenue.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Agriculture**	Chapter 184, SF 3018: This bill makes some policy and technical changes to agriculture-related provisions and programs, allowing for solar site management, modifying the elk management plan, modifying an appropriation, establishing a Farmer-Lender Mediation Task Force and a Farm Safety Initiative, and requiring reports.	[News Release]
5/31/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To The Prescription Monitoring Program**	Chapter 185, SF 1440: This bill makes changes to the Minnesota prescription monitoring program.	[News Release]
6/1/16	**Governor Dayton Signs Supplemental Budget Bill, Delivers New Investments In Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, Broadband Expansion, And Eliminating Racial Economic Disparities**	After careful review and consideration, Governor Dayton signs the supplemental budget bill (Chapter 189, HF2749) which will begin to establish voluntary pre-Kindergarten for all Minnesota children, continue the expansion of broadband internet access in Greater Minnesota, and begin eliminating racial economic disparities in Minnesota.	[News Release]
6/1/16	**Governor Dayton Signs A Bill Relating To Life Insurance**	Governor Dayton signs into law Chapter 178, HF3384, a bill relating to life insurance. The bill makes changes to reserve funds required by insurance companies.	[News Release]
6/2/16	**Clarification On The $101 Million Error In The Omnibus Tax Bill**	Governor Dayton receives a letter from Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt, in response to the Governor's letter regarding the $101 million error in the	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]

		Omnibus Tax bill passed in the final hours of the 2016 Legislative Session.	[Speaker Daudt's Letter]
6/6/16	**Governor Declares June 7, 2016 To Be "Prince Day" In Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith issue a proclamation declaring Tuesday, June 7, 2016 to be "Prince Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/8/16	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislators To Compromise, Agree To Investments In Higher Education, Job Creation, And Public Safety**	Governor Dayton visits Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) and South Central College in North Mankato, urging legislators to compromise on terms for a Special Session.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter to Legislative Leaders]
6/9/16	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislators To Compromise, Agree To Investments In Higher Education, Job Creation, And Water Quality**	Governor Dayton visits Minnesota State University Moorhead and the Lewis & Clark water project in Worthington, urging legislators to compromise on terms for a Special Session.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter to Legislative Leaders]
6/10/16	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislators To Compromise, Agree To Investments In Higher Education, Job Creation, Public Safety, And Clean Water**	Governor Dayton visits the University of Minnesota Duluth and St. Cloud State University, urging legislators to compromise on terms for a Special Session.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter to Legislative Leaders]
6/12/16	**Orlando, Florida Nightclub Attack**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the attack in a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.	[News Release]
6/12/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown At Half-Staff In Honor Of The Victims Of The Attack In Orlando, Florida**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [President Obama's Proclamation]
6/13/16	**US Forest Service's 30-Day Public Comment Period On Twin Metals Leases**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the US Forest Service's 30-day public comment period.	[News Release] [US Forest Service Release]
6/14/16	**Governor Dayton And Lt. Governor Smith Honor St. Cloud State University President Earl Potter**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements following the passing of St. Cloud State University President, Earl Potter.	[Governor Dayton Statement] [Lt. Governor Smith Statement]
6/15/16	**Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the court decision of striking down part of Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act.	[News Release]
6/21/16	**Mayor Hodges Launches Minneapolis "Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" Campaign**	Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges announces the launch of the "Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" campaign to boost the early brain development and language skills of children in Minneapolis from birth.	[News Release]

6/21/16	**Waukesha Diversion Project**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the Waukesha Diversion Project.	[News Release]
6/22/16	**Governor Dayton Seeks Appeal of Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals' Ruling on Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act**	Governor Dayton announces his decision to appeal the recent ruling of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals recent ruling, which would strike down an essential part of Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act.	[News Release]
6/24/16	**Blue Cross Blue Shield**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the decision of Blue Cross Blue Shield to exit the individual health insurance market.	[News Release]
6/27/16	**Governor Dayton to Visit Croatia to Commemorate 20 Years of Partnership**	Governor Dayton travels to Zagreb, Croatia to recognize and celebrate 20 years of partnership between the State of Minnesota and Croatia.	[News Release]
6/28/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints the Honorable Anne K. McKeig to the Minnesota Supreme Court**	The Honorable Anne K. McKeig is appointed as a member of Minnesota's Supreme Court.	[News Release] [Headshot] [Audio] [Photo]
6/29/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Family-Owned Pimushe Resort near Bemidji, Hosts Roundtable with Area Resort Owners**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Pimushe Resort near Bemidji to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing Minnesota's small resort industry.	[News Release]
6/30/16	**Governor Dayton proclaims July "Hire a Veteran Month" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring the month of July to be "Hire a Veteran Month" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/1/16	**$35 Million in Broadband Funding Available**	$35 million in funding, approved during the 2016 legislative session, goes into effect with the beginning of the 2017 fiscal year. DEED will award grants through its Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program to pay for up to 50 percent of project development costs in unserved and underserved areas of the state.	[News Release]
7/1/16	**Governor Dayton's Visit to Croatia**	Governor Dayton provides an update on his visit to Croatia with the Minnesota National Guard. His visit commemorates 20 years of partnership between Minnesota and Croatia.	[News Release] [Photos] [AUDIO: Press Call]
7/5/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Proclaim "Adele Day" in Minnesota**	Thousands of Minnesotans will gather at Xcel Energy Center as international popstar Adele kicks off her "Adele Live 2016" North American tour with two shows in Minnesota. In honor of her performances, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith proclaim Tuesday, July 5, 2016, to be "Adele Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

7/5/16	**Governor Dayton honors Toni Randolph**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the death of journalist Toni Randolph.	[News Release]
7/6/16	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 16-05**	Due to recent severe storms in Minnesota causing widespread power outages, Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 16-05.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
7/7/16	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on the Death of Philando Castile**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith express their condolences over the death of Philando Casile.	[News Release]
7/7/16	**Minnesota Leaders Urge U.S. Department of Justice to Conduct Full and Thorough Investigation into Death of Philando Castile**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, U.S. Senators Klobuchar and Franken, and Representatives McCollum and Ellison, send a letter to U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch urging the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct a full and thorough investigation into the death of Philando Castile.	[News Release]
7/8/16	**Shootings in Dallas, Texas**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements today regarding the shootings overnight in Dallas, Texas.	[News Release]
7/8/16	**Essar Steel Minnesota**	Minnesota Commissioner of Natural Resources Tom Landwehr issues a letter to Essar Steel Minnesota. Following the issuance of that letter, Governor Dayton releases a statement.	[News Release] [Commissioner Landwehr letter]
7/8/16	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and Cabinet Members to Take Questions from Reporters at 3:00pm**	Following the shooting of Philando Castile, Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and cabinet members meet to take questions from reporters on the subject.	[News Release] [VIDEO: July 7, 2016 Afternoon News Conference] [AUDIO: July 7, 2016 Morning News Conference] [AUDIO: Protest Remarks]
7/8/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Dallas, Texas**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]
7/10/16	**Interstate 94 Freeway Protests**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the events that transpired Saturday night on Interstate 94.	[News Release]
7/12/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith honor State Senator Jim Metzen**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the passing of State Senator Jim Metzen.	[News Release]
7/15/16	**Governor Establishes Council on Freight Rail**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 16-06, establishing the Governor's Council on Freight Rail. The	[News Release] [Executive Order]

		Council will bring together state officials and railroads in a public-private working group to improve communication and enhance safety and economic development in communities across Minnesota.	
7/15/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Nice, France**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]
7/17/16	**Announcing the Passing of Governor Wendell Anderson**	At the request of his family and friends, the Office of Minnesota's Governor and Lieutenant Governor announces the passing of Wendell Anderson, former Minnesota Governor, United States Senator, and State Legislator.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/17/16	**Shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the shootings in Baton Rouge.	[News Release]
7/18/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Baton Rouge, Louisiana**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]
7/20/16	**Minnesota Establishes New Office of Enterprise Sustainability to Fight Climate Change**	Demonstrating the State of Minnesota's continued commitment to tackling climate change, Lt. Governor Smith announces the creation of the new Office of Enterprise Sustainability.	[News Release]
7/20/16	**Delta Flights to Tokyo**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the U.S. Department of Transportation's recommendation of a direct flight for Delta Air Lines from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan.	[News Release]
7/21/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing an estimated $451,800 in relief for Blue Earth County and an estimated $235,514 for Nicollet County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account.	[News Release] [Letter]
7/21/16	**Minnesota State Agencies Receive 10 Government Innovation Awards**	The University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs hands out ten awards to the State of Minnesota for creative and innovative work and projects.	[News Release]
7/22/16	**Announcing Memorial Service Arrangements**	At the request of his family and friends, the Office of Minnesota's Governor and Lt. Governor announces	[News Release] [Proclamation]

	for Governor Wendell Anderson	the memorial service arrangements for Wendell Anderson, former Minnesota Governor, United States Senator, and State Legislator.	
7/26/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Proclaim "Malala Yousafzai Day" in Minnesota**	In honor of Malala Yousafzai's visit to Minnesota, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith proclaim Tuesday, July 26, 2016, to be "Malala Yousafzai Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/28/16	**Minnesota Upgraded to AAA by Fitch Ratings**	Top financial analyst Fitch Ratings announces they are upgrading Minnesota's credit rating to AAA, the highest rating awarded by the analyst. Fitch Ratings had previously downgraded Minnesota's rating to AA+ in 2011, reflecting years of financial instability in the state.	[News Release] [Fitch Ratings Release]
8/1/16	**Minnesota's Minimum Wage Increases Today**	More than 287,000 of Minnesota's lowest-wage workers will get a raise today, when the state's large employer minimum-wage rises to $9.50 an hour on August 1, 2016.	[News Release]
8/2/16	**Mayo Clinic Named Best Hospital in the Nation**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement in response to the news that Mayo Clinic was named the best hospital in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's annual list of top hospitals.	[News Release] [Mayo Release]
8/5/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Recognize Minnesota's Summer Olympians**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith recognizes the 16 athletes with ties to Minnesota preparing to compete in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith praise the athletes for their accomplishments and wish them luck as they prepare to compete in the Rio Games.	[News Release]
8/8/16	**3,300 Kids in 74 Minnesota School Districts Will Enroll in Free, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Programs This Year**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius announce that beginning this fall, 3,302 four-year-olds in 74 Minnesota school districts and charter schools will attend voluntary pre-kindergarten, free of charge.	[News Release] [MAP: PreK School Applications]
8/8/16	**Statewide Tour of 87 Counties in 86 Days is Now Underway**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith began their statewide tour of 87 counties in 86 days last week. Over the next eleven weeks, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith will travel to every county in the state, meeting face-to-face with community leaders, farmers, business owners, and Minnesotans from all walks of life.	[News Release]

8/9/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Itasca County and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing an estimated $22,950 in relief for Itasca County and an estimated $62,250 for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account.	[News Release] [Letter]
8/10/16	**Mille Lacs Lake Walleye Fishing Season**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on his decision to not close the catch-and-release walleye season at this time.	[News Release]
8/12/16	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith Proclaim "Game Fair Days" in Minnesota**	Over the next two weekends, visitors from across Minnesota and the Midwest will attend the 2016 Game Fair in Ramsey to celebrate and prepare for the upcoming start of the hunting season. In honor of Game Fair's 35th Anniversary, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith proclaim the weekends of August 12–14 and 19–21, 2016 to be "Game Fair Days" in Minnesota	[News Release] [Proclamation]
8/16/16	**Governor Dayton Continues Statewide Tour of 87 Counties in 86 Days**	Governor Dayton will continue his statewide tour of 87 counties in 86 days by visiting Hubbard, Beltrami, Clearwater, and Becker counties this week.	[News Release]
8/17/16	**Governor Dayton and Tribal Leaders Announce $880,000 Grant to help American Indian Adults Develop Skills for Careers and College**	Governor Dayton and American Indian leaders announce an $880,000 grant to create the Anishinaabe Basic Education Initiative. The initiative will provide American Indian adult learners opportunities to develop skills for careers and college in an innovative, culturally contextualized learning environment rooted in indigenous culture.	[News Release]
8/18/16	**Governor Dayton Releases 2014 and 2015 Tax Returns**	Governor Dayton reported Total Income in 2014 of $380,030 from his Governor's salary, dividends, and capital gains. His Taxable Income for 2014 was $350,306, on which he paid federal taxes of $72,011 and state taxes of $32,551. His effective tax rate was 30 percent.	[News Release] [2014 Tax Returns] [2015 Tax Returns]
8/18/16	**Governor Dayton Kicks off "Year of Water Action" at the Headwaters of the Mississippi River**	Standing beside Lake Itasca, where the Mississippi River begins its 2,350 mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, Governor Dayton kicks off a "Year of Water Action" in Minnesota, urging businesses, the agricultural industry, outdoor enthusiasts, communities and families to take action to conserve and improve water quality.	[News Release]

8/22/16	**Governor Dayton Reappoints the Honorable Edward J. Cleary To Serve as Chief Judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals**	Governor Dayton announces his reappointment of the Honorable Edward J. Cleary to serve as Chief Judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Chief Judge Cleary's second term is effective on November 1, 2016, and will expire on October 31, 2019.	[News Release]
8/22/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of General John William Vessey, Jr.**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Thursday, September 1, 2016, the day of his interment, in honor and remembrance of General John William Vessey, Jr., former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.	[News Release]
8/23/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Continue Statewide Tour of 87 Counties in 86 Days**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith continue their statewide tour of 87 counties in 86 days by visiting Red Lake, Pennington, Norman, Polk, Chisago, Pine, and Carlton counties this week.	[News Release]
8/23/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Meets with Minnesotans in Lindström, Pine City, and Cloquet**	Lt. Governor Smith visits with Minnesotans in Lindström, Pine City, and Cloquet as part of the Dayton-Smith Administration's ongoing tour of 87 counties in 86 days.	[News Release] [PHOTO: Lindström, Minnesota] [PHOTO: Pine City, Minnesota] [PHOTO: Cloquet, Minnesota]
8/24/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Mille Lacs Lake Walleye Fishing Season**	After eight Chippewa bands expressed strong concerns, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announces that the state will close the Mille Lacs Lake catch-and-release walleye season on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.	[News Release]
8/26/16	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order to Reverse Pollinator Decline and Restore Pollinator Health in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 16-07, requiring the state to take specific actions to reverse the decline of bees and other pollinator populations that play a crucial role in agriculture and food production.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
8/28/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Highlights Convenience of Taking Transit, Takes Bus to Minnesota State Fair**	Traveling to the Minnesota State Fair on transit is as fun and easy as taking a trip down the Giant Slide at the Midway, as Lt. Governor Smith demonstrates. Boarding a State Fair Express Bus near downtown Minneapolis, Lt. Governor Smith avoids parking headaches and beat traffic on the way to the Great Minnesota Get-Together.	[News Release]

8/30/16	**Governor Dayton Announces "Year of Water Action" Pledge at Minnesota State Fair**	Governor Dayton announces a "Year of Water Action" Stewardship Pledge, which will last throughout the year. The pledge calls for Minnesotans to rethink how water impacts daily life and the lives of future generation; to use water efficiently and wisely in everyday activities; to learn more about what individuals can do to protect and preserve water; to make informed consumer choices; and to talk to one another about water protection and preservation.	[News Release] [Water Stewardship Pledge] ["5 Things Minnesotans Can Do"]
8/30/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Central Minnesota Counties**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing an estimated $5,467,599 in relief from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for Aitkin, Benton, Carlton, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, and Traverse counties.	[News Release] [Letter]
9/1/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Mankato Civic Center Expansion**	The completion of the Mankato Civic Center expansion is celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event culminates an eight-year journey for the project.	[News Release]
9/1/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Proposed 2017 Individual Health Insurance Rates**	Governor Dayton issues a statement following the release of the proposed 2017 individual health insurance rates.	[News Release]
9/2/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims September "Workforce Development Month"**	Governor Dayton proclaims September "Workforce Development Month" in Minnesota. The Dayton-Smith Administration is committed to building an economy that works for all Minnesotans, everywhere in our state, and to ensuring businesses have the skilled workforce and talent pipeline they need to thrive.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/2/16	**Governor Dayton Continues "87 Counties in 86 Days" Tour with Visits to Clay, Mahnomen, Otter Tail, and Wadena Counties**	Governor Dayton continues the Dayton-Smith Administration's "87 Counties in 86 Days" statewide tour this week, visiting Clay, Mahnomen, Otter Tail, and Wadena counties.	[News Release]
9/2/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Continues "87 Counties in 86 Days" Tour with Visits to Nobles, Murray, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine Counties**	Lt. Governor Smith continues the Dayton-Smith Administration's "87 Counties in 86 Days" tour by visiting Nobles, Murray, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine counties.	[News Release]
9/3/16	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Developments in the Wetterling Case**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the developments in the Jacob Wetterling case.	[News Release]

9/6/16	**Governor Dayton Continues "87 Counties in 86 Days" Tour with Visits to Clay, Mahnomen, Otter Tail, and Wadena Counties**	Governor Dayton continues the Dayton-Smith Administration's "87 Counties in 86 Days" statewide tour this week, visiting Clay, Mahnomen, Otter Tail, and Wadena counties.	[News Release]
9/6/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Recognize Minnesota's Competing Summer Paralympians**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith recognizes the 11 athletes with ties to Minnesota preparing to compete in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Games. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith praise the athletes for their accomplishments and wished them luck as they prepare to compete in the Rio Games.	[News Release]
9/7/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Leads Discussion on Minnesota First Stop Program, Highlighting Administration's Work to Reform Business Permitting Process**	Lt. Governor Smith leads a panel discussion in Worthington with local business leaders and state agency commissioners to highlight the success of the Minnesota Business First Stop program.	[News Release] [Business First Stop]
9/7/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Chippewa County, Yellow Medicine County, and the Upper Sioux Community**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing up to an estimated $259,191 in relief from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for Chippewa County, Yellow Medicine County, and the Upper Sioux Community.	[News Release] [Letter]
9/9/16	**Governor Dayton calls for a Special Election**	Governor Dayton issues a writ of special election to fill the Office of State Representative for House District 32B in Chisago County. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.	[News Release] [Writ Letter]
9/9/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Observance of the 15-Year Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks**	In observance of the fifteenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 11, 2016.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Proclamation] [President Obama Proclamation]
9/10/16	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on the 15th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks**	Sunday, September 11, 2016, marks the fifteenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.	[News Release]
9/12/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Declares "Farm Safety and Health Week" in Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith declares the week of September 18th to be "Farm Safety and Health Week" in Minnesota – highlighting the state's efforts to alleviate a recent rise in injuries and deaths.	[News Release]

9/13/16	**Governor Dayton, Six Other Midwestern Governors Urge Federal Action on Ethanol Availability**	Governor Dayton joins six other Midwestern Governors in urging federal action to implement better government reform and remove a significant regulatory obstacle, to expand opportunities for E15 and other mid-level ethanol blends.	[News Release] [Letter]
9/14/16	**Governor Dayton Orders I-35W Bridge to Glow Blue for Jacob Wetterling**	To honor the life of Jacob Wetterling, Governor Dayton directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to have the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis glow blue for 11 nights, beginning the evening of Thursday, September 15, 2016, and ending with the night of the memorial service for Jacob, on Sunday, Sept 25, 2016. The bridge will be lit blue, representing child abuse prevention.	[News Release]
9/16/16	**Governor Dayton Declares Ethanol Day in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton declares today, Friday, September 16, 2016, as Ethanol Day in Minnesota to highlight the environmental and economic benefits of ethanol fuel.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/18/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Attack in St. Cloud**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the attack that took place in St. Cloud last night.	[News Release]
9/19/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Call with President Obama**	President Obama calls Governor Dayton in response to the attack that took place in St. Cloud.	[News Release]
9/21/16	**State of Minnesota and Xcel Energy Announce Partnership Bringing Clean, Renewable Energy to State Capitol Complex**	Lt. Governor Smith and the Minnesota Department of Administration today announced a new partnership with Xcel Energy called the Renewable*Connect Government Pilot Program. The new initiative will ensure that 33 percent of the base energy used at the State Capitol Complex comes from renewable sources.	[News Release]
9/22/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Today "Teach Ag Day" in Minnesota**	Recognizing the important contributions of agricultural educators to Minnesota's students and economy, Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, September 22, 2016, "Teach Ag Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/23/16	**Governor Dayton Declares Saturday, October 22, 2016, to be "Jacob Wetterling Day" in the State of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring Saturday, October 22, 2016, to be "Jacob Wetterling Day" in the State of Minnesota, which marks the 27th anniversary of his kidnapping. A private funeral for Jacob will be held this Sunday, September 25, 2016.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

9/23/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Observation of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service**	In honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 25, 2016.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/25/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Jacob Wetterling Memorial Service**	Governor Dayton issues a statement, following the memorial service for Jacob Wetterling. Governor Dayton attended the service earlier today.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/25/16	**Governor Dayton honors golf legend Arnold Palmer**	Governor Dayton issues a statement following the passing of golf legend Arnold Palmer: "I remember Arnold Palmer as the greatest golfer of his time. I was thrilled to watch him play in the St. Paul Open at the Keller Golf Course in the 1950's. Then, during the first years of televised golf tournaments in the 1960's, he became a superstar. In his later years, he continued to be a widely admired ambassador of the game. And even more important than being a great golfer, he was, by all accounts, a good man."	[News Release]
9/27/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Clean Power Plan**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the federal Clean Power Plan.	[News Release]
9/27/16	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order 16-08**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 16-08, proclaiming a state of peacetime emergency for areas of southern Minnesota affected by significant rainfalls last week.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
9/28/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Shimon Peres**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Barack Obama, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [President Obama's Proclamation]
9/30/16	**Upcoming Career Fairs Aim to Connect Minnesotans with Opportunity**	These career fairs aim to ensure that all Minnesotans – including those traditionally underrepresented in state government – have access to good employment.	[News Release]
9/30/16	**Governor Dayton Declares "Ryder Cup Weekend" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims the weekend of September 30 – October 2, 2016 to be "Ryder Cup Weekend" in the State of Minnesota. The Ryder Cup is among the highest-profile golfing events in the world and will highlight the best American and European golfers.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

10/3/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion Permit Application**	The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announces it has denied a permit application for the proposed Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project.	[News Release]
10/4/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in the State of Minnesota**	Recognizing the importance of protecting Minnesotans' private data and state systems online, Governor Dayton proclaims October to be "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Minnesota. Every day, attacks are launched against our state systems, private citizens, and those who do business with the state.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/4/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, and for Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Leech Lake Tribal Communities**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing up to an estimated $3,291,585 in relief from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, and for the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Leech Lake Tribal Communities.	[News Release] [Letter]
10/9/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Ask Allina Health and Minnesota Nurses to Meet at Governor's Residence Tomorrow**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith ask the negotiators for Allina Health and the Minnesota Nurses Association to meet at the Governor's Residence at 11:00am tomorrow, to reach an agreement that will allow the health care system and nurses to resume the quality of health care Minnesotans need and deserve.	[News Release]
10/11/16	**After 17 Hour Negotiating Session, Minnesota Nurses Association and Allina Health Reach Tentative Agreement**	After a 17 hour negotiating session beginning at 11:00am on Monday, October 10, 2016, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) and Allina Health announce that they have reached a tentative agreement on all outstanding contract issues.	[News Release]
10/12/16	**Governor Dayton Establishes Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 16-09, establishing the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations. The council is charged with developing recommendations to build trust and cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, thereby creating a safer and more harmonious Minnesota.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
10/12/16	**After Appeal by Governor Dayton, Major General Richard C. Nash to Continue Service as**	After a successful appeal by Governor Dayton to former National Guard Bureau Chief General Frank J. Grass, Major General Richard C. Nash will continue serving the state of	[News Release]

	Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota	Minnesota as Adjutant General until the state's mandatory retirement, through October 31, 2017.	
10/12/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Norman County**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing up to an estimated $49,711 in relief for Norman County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account.	[News Release] [Letter]
10/13/16	**Governor Dayton Announces Programs to Connect Minnesotans with Disabilities to Opportunities in State Government**	Governor Dayton announces the re-launch of the Connect 700 and the Supported Worker programs, two state hiring initiatives aimed at removing barriers and creating opportunities for Minnesotans with disabilities.	[News Release] [Photo]
10/13/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Declare "Prince Tribute Day" in Minnesota in Conjunction with Thursday's Concert**	Honoring the legacy of music legend and lifelong Minnesotan, Prince Rogers Nelson, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith declare Thursday, October 13, 2016, to be "Prince Tribute Day" in the State of Minnesota in conjunction with the concert celebrating his life at the Xcel Energy Center.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/13/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Minnesota Nurses Association Contract Ratification**	Members of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) vote to ratify the tentative agreement reached by MNA and Allina Health earlier this week, resolving all outstanding contract issues between the two groups.	[News Release]
10/17/16	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Cass and Crow Wing Counties**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing up to an estimated $91,663.50 in relief for Cass County and $190,044 for Crow Wing County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/19/16	**Governor Dayton Announces $80 Million in New Affordable Housing Investments**	Governor Dayton announces $80 million in funding to create and preserve 1,831 affordable housing units throughout the state. These investments will leverage private and local resources to support $300 million in total development costs and support more than 2,800 jobs.	[News Release] [2016 Funding Projects]
10/20/16	**Governor Dayton Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration**	Governor Dayton requests that President Obama declare a major disaster in Minnesota as a result of heavy rainstorms and flooding on September 21 and 22, 2016. In a letter to President Obama, Governor Dayton describes widespread damage in southern Minnesota.	[News Release] [Letter]
10/20/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith celebrate the upcoming completion of Highway 610 in Maple	[News Release] [PROJECT: Hwy 610] [Photo]

	Celebrate Completion of the Highway 610 Project	Grove, a 30-year-long project to connect commuters from the northwest suburbs with Interstate 94.	
10/21/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Individual Health Insurance Market**	Governor Dayton issues a statement on the individual health insurance market.	[News Release]
10/24/16	**Governor Dayton Invites Trick-or-Treaters to Governor's Residence**	Governor Dayton is calling all little ghosts and ghouls to celebrate Halloween at the Governor's Residence on Monday, October 31st – if they dare. The gates of the Governor's Residence will be open from 5:00–7:00pm.	[News Release] [Photos]
10/25/16	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith Partner with Women's Foundation of Minnesota to Improve Opportunity for Young Women**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota today announced the launch of the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota (YWI MN), a new effort aimed at improving opportunity for young women in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota]
10/26/16	**House Republicans Block $105 Million in Federal Transportation Funding for More Than 28 Road and Bridge Projects Across Minnesota**	Governor Dayton issues a letter to Representative Tim Kelly, Chair of the House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee, calling out House Republicans for blocking $105 million in transportation investments funded by the federal FAST Act. This move will block more than 28 highway, road, and bridge projects in over a dozen communities across Minnesota.	[News Release] [Letter]
10/26/16	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Minnesota's Top Ten Ranking for Science and Technology**	Minnesota scores in the top ten of all fifty states, on a national measure of science and technology across the country.	[News Release]
10/27/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Plan to Provide a 25 Percent Health Insurance Premium Rebate to Minnesotans Facing Rising Premiums**	Governor Dayton details his plan to provide a 25 percent health insurance premium rebate to address rising premiums for the 123,000 Minnesotans expected to purchase health insurance on the individual market in 2017, and are not eligible for a federal tax credit due to their income.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: 25 Percent Rebate]
11/2/16	**Governor Dayton to Host 2016 Governor's Deer Hunting Opener in the Breezy Pointand Pequot Lakes Area**	To help kick off the season and celebrate Minnesota's rich hunting heritage, Governor Dayton will host the 2016 Governor's Deer Hunting Opener in the Breezy Point/Pequot Lakes Area on Thursday, November 3, 2016.	[News Release]

11/2/16	**Governor Dayton Secures Presidential Disaster Declaration**	The President's declaration will deliver federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in Blue Earth, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca Counties. The counties suffered significant damage as a result of heavy rainstorms and flooding on September 21 and 22, 2016.	[News Release] [President Obama's Declaration]
11/4/16	**Governor Dayton to Appeal Denial of Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency**	The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issues a letter denying Individual Assistance to individual and households in southern Minnesota seriously impacted by heavy rainstorms and flooding on September 21-22, 2016. Governor Dayton will formally appeal the decision.	[News Release] [FEMA Denial Letter]
11/16/16	**Governor Dayton issues a statement on County Attorney John Choi**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding Ramsey County Attorney John Choi's decision regarding the Philando Castile case.	[News Release]
11/17/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces Six Weeks of Paid Parental Leave for State Employees**	Lt. Governor Smith announces that up to six weeks of paid parental leave is now available to 32,000 state employees across Minnesota. This nation-leading effort from the Dayton-Smith Administration will save families around the state an average of $6,200 in wages at a time when many parents need it most.	[News Release]
11/17/16	**Governor Dayton Appeals Denial of Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency**	Governor Dayton formally appeals the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) denial of assistance to individuals and households in southern Minnesota seriously impacted by heavy rainstorms and flooding on September 21-22, 2016.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Original Letter] [Governor Dayton's Appeal Letter] [President Obama's Disaster Declaration for Minnesota]
11/18/16	**Dayton-Smith Administration Announces Grants to Fund School Counselors and Student Support Staff at 77 Schools**	During the 2016 Session, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith secured a $12 million investment for school support staff. The new resources are now helping 77 schools across Minnesota add school counselors, school psychologists, social workers, chemical dependency counselors, and school nurses for the next six years. The additional counselors and other support staff will begin to alleviate Minnesota's shortage of student support personnel.	[News Release]
11/21/16	**Governor Dayton Invites Minnesotans to Apply to**	Governor Dayton encourages all eligible Minnesotans to apply for one of the eight current vacancies on the	[News Release]

	the Legislative Salary Council	Legislative Salary Council. The council was created upon Minnesota's voters passing the Constitutional Amendment, and this citizens-only council will prescribe salaries for legislators.	
11/21/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Kick Off Thanksgiving Week**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith are joined by Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Turkey Research and Promotion Council President Robert Orsten, and Colleen Moriarty of Hunger Solutions Minnesota to kick off Thanksgiving Week in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Photo]
11/22/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces "Free Park Friday" in Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith announces "Free Park Friday" in Minnesota, highlighting entrance fees to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas will be waived on Friday, November 25, 2016.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Free Park Friday] [Photo] [Audio]
11/28/16	**Celebrate the Holiday Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence**	The 2016 Holiday Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence will kick-off the evening of Thursday, December 1, 2016 with festive holiday lighting of the outdoor garland and tree. The Residence will be open for public tours on Tuesdays, December 6 and 20, from 11:00am to 1:00pm each day.	[News Release]
11/29/16	**Governor Dayton Successfully Appeals Denial of Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency**	Reversing its original decision, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces it has approved assistance to individuals and households in southern Minnesota seriously impacted by heavy rainstorms and flooding on September 21-22, 2016. Governor Dayton formally appealed FEMA's original decision to deny individual assistance on November 17, 2016.	[News Release] [FEMA Letter] [Governor Dayton's Appeal Letter]
12/1/16	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces Minnesota State Parks and Trails Specialty License Plates Now Available For Purchase Statewide**	Lt. Governor Smith and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director of Parks and Trails Erika Rivers visit the Roseville License Center and were among the first Minnesotans to purchase the new plates.	[News Release]
12/2/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on 2016 November State Budget Forecast**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following Minnesota Management and Budget's State of Minnesota November Budget and Economic Forecast, which shows a $1.4 billion projected surplus available for the fiscal year 2018-2019 biennial budget.	[News Release]
12/6/16	**Statement from Lt. Governor Smith**	Following her meeting with workers affected by the suspicious Lakeville	[News Release]

	Regarding Lakeville Motor Express Layoffs	Motor Express Layoffs, Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement.	
12/6/16	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, December 7, 2016, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Minnesota, in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the more than 2,400 Americans who lost their lives in these attacks.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Obama's Proclamation]
12/8/16	**Governor Dayton will Proclaim "Bob Dylan Day" in the State of Minnesota**	At a community celebration in Hibbing this Saturday, December 10, 2016, Governor Dayton will proclaim "Bob Dylan Day" in the State of Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation marks the day the Minnesota-born music legend will be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
12/13/16	**Governor Dayton Calls on Legislative Leaders to Agree to Special Session for Health Insurance Premium Relief, Tax, and Bonding Bills**	Governor Dayton releases details of proposals for bills, which could be passed in a special session, to provide a 25 percent health insurance premium rebate for Minnesotans facing significant premium subsidy, while completing the tax and bonding bills that went unfinished last session.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Letter] [Session Agreement] [Special Session Subsidy Bill] [Special Session Bonding Bill] [Special Session Tax Bill]
12/15/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Federal Twin Metals Mineral Lease Decision**	The United States Departments of Agriculture and the Interior announce their decision to deny an application for renewal of two hard rock mineral leases held by Twin Metals near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BCWAW), and to initiate steps to withdraw key portions of the watershed from new mineral permits and leases.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter to Twin Metals]
12/15/16	**Governor Dayton Announces Appointment to MnSCU Board of Trustees**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Roger Moe to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees.	[News Release]
12/20/16	**U.S. Bank Selects Chaska for New Data Center**	Minneapolis-based U.S. Bank announces plans to build a $250 million data center in Chaska in partnership with Dallas-based Stream Data Centers. The approximately 56,000-square-foot facility will employ about 18 full-time, permanent workers.	[News Release]
12/22/16	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Announce Lender Partners for New**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith announce the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has selected 23 nonprofit organizations to	[News Release]

	Emerging Entrepreneur Loan Program	participate in a new statewide lending program designed to provide funding to businesses that may experience difficulty accessing capital.	
12/27/16	**Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Announces 2017 Service and Celebration Activities**	On Monday, January 16, 2017, the Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday will hold "A Day of Service and Celebration in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul.	[News Release]
12/28/16	**Statement from Lt. Governor Tina Smith Regarding Governor's Broadband Task Force Report**	The Governor's Task Force on Broadband issues its annual report and recommends a $100 million investment every two years in the Department of Employment and Economic Development's broadband infrastructure grant program.	[News Release] [Governor's Task Force Release]
12/28/16	**Governor Dayton Appoints Senator Katie Sieben to Public Utilities Commission, Appoints Commissioner Nancy Lange as Chair**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Senator Katie Sieben to serve on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Governor Dayton also selects current Commissioner Nancy Lange to serve as Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Lange and Senator Sieben will assume their respective duties on January 23, 2017.	[News Release] [Senator Sieben Headshot] [Commissioner Nancy Lange Headshot]
12/29/16	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Keetac Operations**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding United States Steel Corporation's plans to restart the Keetac Plant in Keewatin in early 2017.	[News Release]
12/30/16	**New State Capitol Public Space can be Reserved Online**	The Minnesota Department of Administration launches a new online reservation system for booking public conference rooms and meeting spaces in the restored Capitol. When the Capitol opens on January 3, the building will feature approximately 40,000 square feet of public use space that will better reflect how the public interacts with their government.	[News Release]
1/3/17	**Governor Dayton's First Budget Proposal Would Reduce Health Insurance Premiums by 25 Percent for 125,000 Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton releases his first budget proposal of the 2017 legislative session, calling for a 25 percent reduction in health insurance premiums for the more than 125,000 Minnesotans facing significant increases in the individual market.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: 25 Percent Health Insurance Premium Relief]
1/4/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Propose Jobs Bill to Create More than 22,950 Minnesota Jobs**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith introduce a Jobs Bill that would invest $1.5 billion in community infrastructure projects statewide, creating an estimated 22,950 Minnesota jobs* and supporting local economies across the state.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Infrastructure, Creating Jobs] [SNAPSHOT: Infrastructure Across Minnesota]

			[SPREADSHEET: Community Bonding Projects] [MAP: Governor Dayton's Jobs Proposal]
1/5/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Propose Tax Cuts for Over 450,000 Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith unveil their 2017 Tax Bill, which would provide $300 million in tax cuts for more than 450,000 Minnesotans and in aid payments to local governments for essential services, while protecting the state's long-term fiscal health.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Tax Cuts] [FACT SHEET: Closing Corporate Tax Loopholes] [GRAPHIC: Governor Dayton's Tax Cut Proposal]
1/6/17	**Lt. Governor Smith and Rep. Paul Marquart Call for Property Tax Relief for Minnesota Farmers this Year**	Lt. Governor Smith and State Rep. Paul Marquart call on the Minnesota Legislature to pass property tax relief for Minnesota farmers this Legislative Session. If passed, up to 74,000 Minnesota farmers, plus additional agricultural landowners, could see relief.	[News Release] [Dayton-Smith 2017 Tax Bill]
1/6/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith To Hold Town Hall Water Summit at University of Minnesota, Morris**	On Friday, January 27, 2017, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith will host a Town Hall Water Summit on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris. The Summit will bring together local government leaders, farmers, students, environmental groups, and businesses, to focus on water challenges and solutions in Greater Minnesota.	[News Release] [Year of Water Action]
1/6/17	**Governor Dayton's letter to Congressman McCarthy regarding the Affordable Care Act**	Governor Dayton writes a letter to Congressman Kevin McCarthy regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and its impact on Minnesotans.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
1/8/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Tomorrow "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day," Orders I-35W Bridge Lit Blue**	Governor Dayton proclaims Monday, January 9, 2017, as "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" in the State of Minnesota, recognizing the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officials in Minnesota and around the country.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/11/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Department of Employment and Economic Development Announce $34 Million for 42 Broadband Projects Across Greater Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) announce grants totaling $34 million for 42 broadband infrastructure projects that will provide 16,627 households, 2,240 businesses, and 71 community institutions across Minnesota access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet.	[News Release] [MAP: Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Development]

1/11/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Judge Miles Lord**	In honor and remembrance of Judge Miles Lord, Governor Dayton has ordered all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Thursday, January 12, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/12/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Department of Education Announce State Grants to Help Greater Minnesota Students Access High-Speed Internet**	Lt. Governor Smith and Minnesota Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius announce new state grants that will help 12 school districts provide students with the high-speed internet connections needed to complete homework and access other online learning opportunities.	[News Release] [MAP: Education Broadband Recipients]
1/13/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Tax Cuts for Over 200,000 Minnesotans**	Following the introduction of the Dayton-Smith Tax Bill earlier this month, Governor Dayton signs bipartisan legislation (Chapter 1, House File 2) cutting taxes by $21 million for more than 200,000 Minnesota taxpayers.	[News Release]
1/13/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Tamar N. Gronvall to the Minnesota Tax Court**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Tamar N. Gronvall as a Judge of the Minnesota Tax Court.	[News Release] [Headshot]
1/13/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Kathleen Blatz to Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Kathleen Blatz to the board of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA).	[News Release]
1/17/17	**Minnesotans Urge Republican Legislators to Pass Immediate Health Insurance Premium Relief**	Joined by Minnesotans struggling with rising insurance premiums, Governor Dayton and DFL legislators urge Republicans to pass an immediate and workable premium relief bill to ensure that all Minnesotans can afford quality health care.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: 25 Percent Health Rebate]
1/17/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Agreement with USDA for $350 Million in Federal Funding to Protect and Improve Water Quality in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), securing $350 million in federal funding to protect and improve waters in 60,000 acres across 54 Minnesota counties.	[News Release]
1/19/17	**Governor Dayton to Deliver State of the State Address on Monday, January 23, at 7:00pm**	Governor Dayton will deliver his annual State of the State Address on Monday, January 23, 2017, beginning at 7:00pm at the Minnesota State Capitol House Chamber.	[News Release] [Letter to Speaker Daudt]
1/20/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Glyndon to Urge Support for Tax Cuts for 74,000 Minnesota's Farmers**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Glyndon to urge the Minnesota Legislature to pass property tax relief for Minnesota farmers struggling with the perfect storm of rising land values, falling commodity prices, and aging schools.	[News Release]

1/23/17	**Remarks of Governor Dayton as Prepared for Delivery State of the State Address**	Governor Dayton releases his 2017 State of the State Remarks, as prepared for delivery.	[News Release]
1/23/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton's Chief of Staff**	Following Governor Dayton's seventh State of the State Address, Chief of Staff Jaime Tincher releases a statement.	[News Release]
1/24/17	**In State of the State Address, Minnesota Governor Dayton Proposes Reforms to Make Health Coverage More Affordable for Minnesotans**	During his seventh State of the State Address to a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature, Governor Dayton proposes a set of reforms to make health coverage more affordable for Minnesotans who purchase their insurance on the individual market.	[News Release]
1/24/17	**Governor Dayton's Budget: An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proposes an Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota – a two-year budget including a set of specific solutions to our state's challenges, and a commitment to a better future for all Minnesotans. Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda will improve education from preschool to career and college training, grow our economy and create good jobs, and reform government to create better opportunities for all Minnesotans, everywhere in our state. The Dayton Opportunity Agenda recognizes that when Minnesota workers and businesses are given the right tools, they will out-innovate the competition and create a better future for all Minnesotans. The Opportunity Agenda will give Minnesotans a seat at the table and break down regional differences to find common ground and create a common vision for our state, where all Minnesotans can succeed. Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda would grow opportunity for hardworking Minnesotans, their families, and communities. Below, see some of the major solutions the Governor is proposing to build an economy that works for all Minnesotans, everywhere in our state.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota] [FACT SHEET: Cutting Taxes for Minnesotan Families] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Aging Roads and Bridges] [FACT SHEET: Expanding Opportunity for All Minnesotans] [FACT SHEET: Growing Opportunity for Families and Businesses [FACT SHEET: Education: Engine of Opportunity and Success] [FACT SHEET: Expanding Early Childhood Access and Choice] [FACT SHEET: State Government at the Speed of Business] [FACT SHEET: A Fair and Balanced Budget] [FACT SHEET: Cleaner, Safer, Healthier Communities] [FACT SHEET: Making Health Care More Affordable]
1/25/17	**Statement from Lt. Governor Smith on Presidential Executive**	Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement following President	[News Release]

	Actions on Immigration and Refugees	Trump's several executive actions regarding immigrants and refugees.	
1/25/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith honor Mary Tyler Moore**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements following the news of the passing of Mary Tyler Moore.	[News Release]
1/26/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill to Reduce Health Insurance Premiums by 25 Percent for 125,000 Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 2, SF 1, to provide an automatic 25 percent reduction in health insurance premiums for the more than 125,000 Minnesotans facing significant premium increases in the individual market.	[News Release]
1/27/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "The Great Northern Day" in the State of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims "The Great Northern Day" in the State of Minnesota. Governor Dayton's proclamation celebrates Minnesota's outdoor heritage, and highlights the variety of winter events, activities, and entertainment being held from January 27, 2017, through February 5, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/30/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Recognizes State Government Innovation**	Lt. Governor Smith honors state employees who have made state government more efficient, accountable, and effective for the people of Minnesota. A record 63 reform initiatives were nominated for Better Government Awards this year by teams from almost every state agency.	[News Release]
1/31/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Recent Presidential Executive Orders**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements in response to recent Executive Orders issued by the White House.	[News Release]
1/31/17	**Governor Dayton Reappoints Susan Park Rani and R.T. Rybak to the Destination Medical Center Board**	Governor Dayton announces the reappointments of Susan Park Rani and R.T. Rybak as members of the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board of Directors.	[News Release]
2/2/17	**Statements Following Governor Dayton's Visits to Mayo Clinic**	Governor Dayton visits Mayo Clinic for scheduled appointments regarding his recent diagnosis of prostate cancer.	[News Release]
2/2/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Immortal Four Chaplains Day**	In observance of the 74th Anniversary of the tragic sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester off the coast of Greenland, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, February 3, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

2/3/17	**Governor Dayton Announces New Goal to Improve Water Quality in Minnesota 25 Percent by 2025**	Governor Dayton announces a new "25 by '25" Water Quality Goal, which would spur innovation and collaboration around strategies to improve Minnesota's water quality 25 percent by 2025. Without additional action, the quality of Minnesota's waters is expected to improve only 6 to 8 percent by 2034.	[News Release] [A Year of Water Action]
2/6/17	**Governor Dayton honors Ray Christensen**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the passing of Ray Christensen, former Voice of the Gophers on WCCO Radio: "Along with all Minnesota sports fans, I mourn the loss of Ray Christensen. He filled my fall Saturday afternoons with his radio broadcasts of Gophers football games. He made the best wins sound sensational and the worst losses almost bearable! I extend my deepest condolences to his family and his many friends."	[News Release]
2/7/17	**Statement on Governor Dayton's Treatment Decision**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding his treatment decision, following last week's visits to the Mayo Clinic for scheduled appointments regarding his recent diagnosis of prostate cancer.	[News Release]
2/7/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Legislative Auditor Report**	Governor Dayton issues a statement following the Office of the Legislative Auditor's findings regarding the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA).	[News Release]
2/8/17	**Growing Opportunities for Minnesota Kids and Families in Every Minnesota County**	Governor Dayton details his proposal to grow opportunities for Minnesota kids and families across our state, as part of his Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota. Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda would provide better K-12 and early learning opportunities for students across Minnesota, and support Minnesota families caring for their kids at home and in childcare.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota] [SNAPSHOT: Investing in School Districts Across Minnesota] [SNAPSHOT: Helping School Districts Repay Bond Levies] [SNAPSHOT: Kids Served by Child Care Assistance Program] [SNAPSHOT: Families Served by Home Visiting]
2/9/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Mesabi Metallics**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the Department of Natural Resources' objection to the recent court filing by Mesabi Metallics.	[News Release]
2/9/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt.**	Governor Dayton releases a statement ahead of the Minnesota House of	[News Release]

	Governor Smith on Becker Power Plant Bill	Representatives' vote on a bill concerning power plants in Becker. Governor Dayton indicates that he expects to sign the Senate version of this bill, as it was amended last week.	
2/9/17	**Governor Dayton Announces "Clean Drinking Water Starts With Me!" Poster Contest**	Governor Dayton announces a new poster contest for Minnesota students in grades K-12, focused on highlighting the importance of clean drinking water.	[News Release] [A Year of Water Action]
2/10/17	**Dayton, Lourey, Johnson: It's time to give Minnesotans a more affordable choice for health insurance**	Governor Dayton, DFL State Sen. Tony Lourey of Kerrick and DFL State Rep. Clark Johnson of North Mankato author and opinion piece.	[News Release]
2/10/17	**Making College and Career Training More Affordable, Increasing Opportunities for All Minnesota Families**	Lt. Governor Smith today detailed Governor Dayton's proposal to make college and career training more affordable and expand opportunities for the more than 427,000 higher education students in Minnesota, by investing $318 million into college and career training as part of his Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: An Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota] [SNAPSHOT: Making Higher Education More Affordable in Minnesota]
2/10/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to local government**	Chapter 3, HF 244: This bill accommodates small towns and cities as they seek to locally address property tax issues efficiently, fairly, and objectively.	[News Release]
2/13/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on State Equity Audit**	Following the results of an independent audit of the state's procurement, human rights, and affirmative action practices, Governor Dayton releases a statement.	[News Release]
2/13/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith honor David Roe**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements following the passing of Minnesota AFL-CIO President David Roe.	[News Release]
2/15/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Minnesota Workers Rally at State Capitol to Urge Legislature to Pass Wage Theft Prevention Protections**	Lt. Governor Smith joins Minnesota workers and legislators at a State Capitol rally to urge the Legislature to hold employers that commit wage theft accountable for their failure to pay for work already performed.	[News Release]
2/16/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Hosts Higher Education Roundtable Discussion at St. Cloud State University**	Joined by students and university administrators, Lt. Governor Smith and Higher Education Commissioner Larry Pogemiller hold a roundtable discussion about restoring the partnership between state government and higher education institutions. Recent Minnesota college graduates currently bear some of the heaviest debt loads in the country,	[News Release] [SNAPSHOT: Making Higher Education More Affordable in Minnesota]

		ranking fourth highest in the United States.	
2/17/17	**Dayton, Lourey, Johnson: Give Minnesotans another good choice on their health insurance**	Governor Dayton, DFL State Sen. Tony Lourey of Kerrick and DFL State Rep. Clark Johnson of North Mankato author and opinion piece.	[News Release]
2/17/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bipartisan $35 Million Rural Finance Authority Bill**	Delivering needed assistance to Minnesota's 74,000 farmers, Governor Dayton signs the bipartisan $35 million Rural Finance Authority legislation (H.F. 14) into law. The new funding will allow the Authority to continue offering eligible Minnesota farmers affordable financing and terms and conditions not offered by other traditional lenders.	[News Release]
2/17/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Highlights Minnesota's Innovation Economy with Business Leader Roundtable Discussion in Duluth**	Joined by Duluth-area business leaders, Lt. Governor Smith holds a roundtable discussion highlighting the significant impact of Minnesota's innovation economy on job creation and quality of life across the state. The meeting follows the recent launch of the year-long #InnovateMN Campaign that celebrates emerging discoveries and technologies that will generate future economic opportunity.	[News Release]
2/21/17	**Governor Dayton: Thanks to Workers and Businesses, Iron Range Mining Grows Strong Again**	Governor Dayton pens an Op-Ed.	[News Release]
2/21/17	**Statement from Lt. Governor Smith Regarding Opioid Abuse Legislation**	The Steve Rummler Hope Foundation and opioid addiction advocates visit the Minnesota State Capitol to urge support for legislation designed to address prescription painkiller abuse. Lt. Governor Smith releases a statement in response.	[News Release] [Steve Rummler Hope Foundation]
2/23/17	**Governor Dayton Names Kathleen Blatz as Interim Chair of Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority**	Kathleen Blatz is appointed as the Interim Chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA). Blatz, the former Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, was appointed to the Board of the MSFA by Governor Dayton in January of this year.	[News Release]
2/23/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Protections for Transgender Students**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith respond to federal government repeals of transgender student protections.	[News Release]
2/23/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on**	The Minnesota Department of Education reports that Minnesota's high school graduation rates reached a record at 82.2 percent in 2016.	[News Release]

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2/23/17	**Office of Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith and Women's Foundation of Minnesota Convene Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota hold the first Young Women's Initiative Council meeting as part of the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota, a new effort aimed at improving opportunity for young women in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota]
2/27/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces New Bipartisan Effort to Move Minnesota to 50 Percent Renewable Energy by 2030**	Lt. Governor Smith announces a new bipartisan effort to increase Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard from 25 percent by 2025 to 50 percent by 2030. Minnesota is already on track to surpass the current goals set by the bipartisan Next Generation Energy Act, which has moved Minnesota to more than 21 percent renewable energy.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: 50 by '30 Renewable Energy Standard]
2/28/17	**Minnesota Ranked 3rd-Best State in the Nation in New Study from U.S. News and World Report**	Citing economic opportunities, great educations, and quality health care in Minnesota, U.S. News and World Report releases a study ranking Minnesota the 3rd-best state in the nation. The study also ranks Minnesota as the best state in the region, when compared to North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri.	[News Release]
2/28/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bipartisan Bill to Support Jobs, Cleaner Energy in Greater Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 5, House File 113, a bipartisan bill to allow Xcel Energy move forward with converting a retiring coal plant to natural gas and renewable energy in Becker, Minnesota. The bill passed with strong bipartisan support in the Minnesota House (80-45) and Minnesota Senate (39-25).	[News Release]
2/28/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on February 2017 State Budget Forecast**	Minnesota Management and Budget releases the State of Minnesota February Budget and Economic Forecast, showing a $1.65 billion projected surplus available for the fiscal year 2018-2019 biennial budget.	[News Release]
2/28/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Closes Out "I Love to Read Month" by Reading to Coon Rapids Kindergarten Students**	As "I Love to Read Month" comes to a close in the State of Minnesota, Lt. Governor Smith visits Hamilton Elementary in Coon Rapids. The Lt. Governor read the book Llama Llama Red Pajama to a class of Kindergarten students.	[News Release] [Photo 1] [Photo 2]

3/1/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Legislators: Student Success Starts with Stable Housing**	With approximately 10,000 Minnesota children struggling with homelessness, Lt. Governor Smith, state legislators, and education and child advocates highlight the importance of the bipartisan Homework Starts With Home proposal included in Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda for a Better Minnesota.	[News Release] [REPORT: Child Homelessness, Minnesota Department of Education]
3/2/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, State Capitol Grand Opening Planning Committee Announces State Capitol Grand Opening Essay Contest**	Lt. Governor Smith and the State Capitol Grand Opening Planning Committee announces a statewide essay contest celebrating the historic Minnesota State Capitol. Essay contest winners will be invited to share their essays as part of the State Capitol Grand Opening festivities in August.	[News Release]
3/7/17	**Statement from Lt. Governor Smith Regarding Paid Parental Leave**	State Sen. Susan Kent, Rep. Laurie Halverson, and representatives from the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE) hold a news conference about the importance of providing new parents access to paid parental leave.	[News Release]
3/7/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill to Legalize Sunday Liquor Sales in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 6, House File 30, a bipartisan bill to give liquor stores in Minnesota the option to open on Sundays beginning on July 2, 2017. The bill passed with bipartisan support in the Minnesota House (88-39) and Minnesota Senate (38-28).	[News Release] [POLL: Sunday Liquor Sales]
3/8/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on "Women's History Month" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims March to be "Women's History Month" in the State of Minnesota. While women's history should be celebrated and studied throughout the year, this is a time to observe the role women have played in shaping Minnesota's history, and the critical role all women play in shaping our state's future.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [REPORT: Minnesota Best State for Women]
3/9/17	**New Report Highlights Impacts of Opioids on Minnesota Tribal Communities**	A new report highlights the impacts of opioids on Minnesota Tribal communities across the state. The report, a summary of the Tribal-State Opioid Summit that took place last fall, points out strategies that are working now, and makes specific recommendations for how state and tribal leaders can continue to partner to address the issue of opioid addiction afflicting Minnesota communities.	[News Release] [REPORT: 2016 Tribal-State Opioid Summit]
3/10/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill to Provide Disaster Aid to Madelia, Replace**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 7, House File 434, a bipartisan bill to provide $1.7 million in disaster aid to	[News Release]

	Wetlands as Local Roads are Built	the city of Madelia and Watonwan County, after the community faced significant fire damage last year. The bill also provides $5 million to replace wetlands impacted by local road construction projects across Minnesota. The bill passed with strong bipartisan support in the Minnesota House (119-10) and Minnesota Senate (55-12).	
3/10/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Sunday to be "Soccer in Minnesota Day"**	Governor Dayton proclaims Sunday, March 12, 2017, to be "Soccer in Minnesota Day". The proclamation commemorates the return of top-level soccer to Minnesota after more than 30 years. On Sunday, Minnesota United FC will open a new chapter in state soccer history, hosting their first ever home game against Atlanta.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/13/17	**New Report Highlights Housing Challenges Facing Minnesota Families**	A new report from the Minnesota Housing Partnership highlights the housing challenges facing Minnesota families across the state. Stable, affordable housing is an essential part of accessing the opportunities Minnesota has to offer, including education, jobs, and quality-of-life.	[News Release] [REPORT: Minnesota Housing Partnership]
3/14/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Congressional Republican Health Care Proposal**	The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office releases its analysis of the Congressional House Republican health care proposal.	[News Release] [REPORT: Congressional Budget Office Analysis]
3/15/17	**Governor Dayton Releases March Madness Bracket, Picks Minnesota Golden Gophers to Go All the Way**	Governor Dayton releases his 2017 March Madness bracket, which picks the Minnesota Golden Gophers to win it all as the 2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Champions.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's 2017 March Madness Bracket]
3/16/17	**Minnesota is Well On its Way to Full Compliance with Statewide, Bipartisan Water Quality Effort**	According to findings from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), 74 percent of Minnesota's counties are already 60–100 percent compliant with the state's bipartisan water quality buffer initiative. BWSR's preliminary analysis comes as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announces the state's water quality buffer protection map is now complete. After collecting almost 4,200 public comments from landowners and local governments, the DNR has made nearly 2,800 changes to Minnesota's water quality	[News Release] [AUDIO: Governor Dayton Water Quality Press Conference] [MAP: Buffer Law Compliance] [INTERACTIVE MAP: DNR Buffer Law Compliance] [FACT SHEET: Buffer Success] [FACT SHEET: Buffer Protection Map Explanation] [FACT SHEET: Alternative Practices Overview]

		buffer map to remain flexible to the needs of local landowners. The bipartisan law's flexibility, combined with additional financial resources proposed in Governor Dayton's budget, will help all landowners participate fully in the statewide effort to improve water quality and wildlife habitat across Minnesota.	[FACT SHEET: Buffer Financial Options] [GRAPHIC: Buffer Function] [IMAGE: Buffer] [IMAGE: St. Croix vs. Mississippi River] [FACT SHEET: Supporting Minnesota Farmers, Rural Economies]
3/17/17	**Prioritizing Early Education, Fiscal Responsibility, and Opportunity for All Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton releases his supplemental budget proposal, which calls for an additional $100 million investment to offer voluntary preK opportunities to more Minnesota families (bringing the Governor's total proposed investments in preK to $175 million), while protecting the fiscal responsibility of our state's budget, and increasing economic opportunity across Minnesota.	[News Release]
3/24/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Pushes for Essential Public Works Infrastructure Investments in Winona**	Lt. Governor Smith visits Winona to call for essential public works infrastructure projects included in Governor Dayton's 2017 Jobs Bill proposal. The Governor's Jobs Bill includes $25.3 million to finish the Winona State University (WSU) Education Village and train the next generation of teachers, and $280,000 for the Winona Port Authority, to help get the state's goods to market.	[News Release]
3/24/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to veterans**	Chapter 9, HF 375: This bill removes restrictions on where county boards can place a veterans memorial.	[News Release]
3/24/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the federal Securities and Exchange Commission**	Chapter 10, HF 444: This bill makes clarifying and technical changes to incorporate regulatory changes from the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, intended to facilitate crowdfunding such as the MNvest program.	[News Release]
3/27/17	**Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-02 for Minnesota Farmers Bringing Aid to States Impacted by Wildfires**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-02 lifting road and vehicle restrictions for Minnesota farmers helping ranchers in other parts of the country affected by wildfires. Governor Dayton's executive order will be in effect through Saturday, April 8, 2017.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
3/27/17	**Governor Dayton Invites Outdoor Retailers to Bring National Tradeshow to Minnesota**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to the organizers of the Outdoor Retailer tradeshows, encouraging them to	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]

		consider Minnesota as an exciting and hospitable location for their events.	
3/28/17	**Governor Dayton: Invest in Pre-Kindergarten Opportunities for 17,100 Minnesota Kids and their Families**	Governor Dayton calls for a $175 million investment to offer voluntary preK opportunities to 17,100 Minnesota four-year-olds and their families at more than 260 school districts across the state.	[News Release] [MAP: Proposed Funding for Voluntary PreK Programs] [FACT SHEET: Minnesotans on PreK Programs]
3/28/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and Commissioners on President Trump's Executive Order to Roll Back Progress on Climate Change, Clean Water**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and Commissioners release the following statements in response to President Trump's executive order that will reverse progress to address climate change and improve water quality.	[News Release]
3/30/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Transportation Commissioner Zelle Announce $23.7 Million in Transit Grants for Greater Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith and Minnesota Department of Transportation Commissioner Zelle announce $23.7 million in grants to help meet the growing need for transit services in Greater Minnesota. The grants are awarded to 23 transit providers in Greater Minnesota, and will help improve reliability, frequency and service for Minnesotans as they commute to work, school, and personal activities.	[News Release] [MAP: 2017 Statewide Transit Investments] [FACT SHEET: Fixing Aging Roads and Bridges]
4/3/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Legislation Protecting Innocent Car and Truck Owners from Unfair Forfeitures**	Joined by a bipartisan coalition of legislators and advocates, Governor Dayton signs legislation that allows Minnesotans to recover their car or truck after someone else was convicted for drunk driving in it. The new law only applies in situations where the innocent owner's car or truck was used without their knowledge or permission.	[News Release]
4/3/17	**Minnesota Named Among Best States to Retire**	A new report names Minnesota one of the best states in the nation to retire. The report, issued by Bankrate.com, ranks all fifty states based on their quality of health care, culture, cost of living, weather, taxes, retiree population, crime rate, and well-being.	[News Release] [REPORT: Bankrate.com]
4/3/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill to Deliver $105 Million in Federal Funding to Dozens of Transportation Projects Across Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 14, HF 837, to authorize $105 million in transportation investments funded by the federal FAST Act. This funding will complete more than 28 highway, road, and bridge projects in over a dozen communities across Minnesota. The bill passed with unanimous bipartisan	[News Release]

		support in the Minnesota House and Minnesota Senate.	
4/5/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of John Glenn**	In honor and remembrance of John Glenn, and in accordance with the proclamation issued this afternoon by President Donald Trump, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff until sunset tomorrow, Thursday, April 6, 2017, the day of interment, at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [President Trump Proclamation]
4/7/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to ditch-mowing**	Chapter 15, SF 218: This bill establishes a one-year moratorium on Minnesota Department of Transportation enforcement of the ditch-mowing permit for trunk highway right-of-way.	[News Release]
4/11/17	**Governor Dayton, Ron Schara, and Bass Fishing Champion Seth Feider to Open State Bass Season on Mille Lacs**	On Saturday, May 27, 2017, Governor Dayton will travel to Mille Lacs for the state bass fishing opener to celebrate the start of the summer season. Governor Dayton will be joined by outdoor celebrity Ron Schara and Bassmaster Champion Seth Feider, to highlight the lake's status as one of the 10 Best Bass Lakes in the United States for smallmouth bass, according to Bassmaster Magazine.	[News Release] [Bassmaster's 10 Best Bass Lakes of 2016] [USA Today's Best Bass Fishing Lakes and Ponds]
4/12/17	**Governor Dayton Releases NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Bracket, Picks Minnesota Wild to Go All the Way**	Governor Dayton releases his NHL 2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs bracket, which picks the Minnesota Wild to win it all as the 2017 NHL Stanley Cup Champions.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's NHL Stanley Cup Bracket]
4/12/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Freeborn County**	Governor Dayton issues a letter authorizing up to an estimated $45,860.25 in relief for Freeborn County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
4/13/17	**Minnesota Joins National Effort to Expand Access to Opioid Addiction Treatment**	Minnesota joins seven other states through the National Governors Association (NGA) to develop and implement strategies to expand access to opioid addiction treatment. Through this partnership, Minnesota will join with Alaska, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina, New Jersey, Virginia, and Washington to create and apply six-month strategic plans to expand treatment access.	[News Release] [NGA Release]
4/17/17	**Governor Dayton Reappoints Pete Benner and Phil Norrgard to MNsure Board**	Governor Dayton announces the reappointments of Mr. Benner and Mr. Norrgard to their current seats, which were scheduled to expire next	[News Release]

		month. The seven-member board is responsible for overseeing MNsure.	
4/18/17	**Governor Dayton honors Commissioner Josh Tilsen**	Commissioner Josh Tilsen passed away today due to complications with Staphylococcus infection. Commissioner Tilsen became ill last week, and his condition quickly worsened. He was surrounded by his wife Faith and their family at the time of his passing early this morning. Information concerning funeral arrangements will be available in the coming days.	[News Release] [Photo]
4/18/17	**Statement from Lt. Governor Smith Regarding Habitat for Humanity Day at the Capitol**	Lt. Governor Smith joins activists and housing experts for the Habitat for Humanity Day at the Capitol.	[News Release]
4/19/17	**Governor Dayton Announces Ten Water Quality Town Hall Meetings to Be Held Across Minnesota**	Joined by environmental advocates, lawmakers, and concerned Minnesotans for Water Action Day at the Minnesota State Capitol, Governor Dayton announces a series of Water Quality Town Hall meetings beginning in late July. The town halls will offer Minnesotans an opportunity to discuss the water quality challenges facing their communities and our state, learn from experts, and engage with policymakers.	[News Release] [25 by 25 Water Goal]
4/19/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Declare "Prince Day" in Minnesota, in Conjunction with First Avenue Memorial Celebrations**	Honoring the legacy of music legend and lifelong Minnesotan, Prince Rogers Nelson, who passed away one year ago on April 21, 2016, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith declare Friday, April 21, 2017, to be "Prince Day" in the State of Minnesota. The proclamation comes in conjunction with memorial celebrations taking place at First Avenue in Minneapolis.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/20/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Halverson Elementary in Albert Lea, Highlights Investments in Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda**	Lt. Governor Smith visits the voluntary preKindergarten program at Halverson Elementary School in Albert Lea. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith secured a historic $25 million investment for free, voluntary preKindergarten in 2016. Thanks to this funding, Albert Lea Public Schools received an $818,000 grant, allowing 100 four-year-olds to attend voluntary preKindergarten for free.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Education: Engine of Opportunity and Success]
4/20/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Kennedy Elementary in Mankato, Highlights**	Lt. Governor Smith visits the voluntary preKindergarten program at Kennedy Elementary School in Mankato.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Education: Engine of

	Investments in Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith secured a historic $25 million investment for free, voluntary preKindergarten in 2016. Thanks to this funding, Mankato Public Schools received a $164,000 grant, allowing 32 four-year-olds to attend voluntary preKindergarten for free.	Opportunity and Success]
4/21/17	**Minnesota Awarded $5.4 Million Federal Grant to Combat Opioid Addiction**	Minnesota is awarded $5.4 million in federal grants to combat opioid addiction in the state. The Opioid State Targeted Response Grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will help increase access to treatment, reduce unmet need, and reduce overdose-related deaths in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Health and Human Services Release]
4/21/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Adams and Eisenhower Elementary Schools in Coon Rapids, Highlights Investments in Governor Dayton's Opportunity Agenda**	Lt. Governor Smith visits the voluntary preKindergarten program at Adams Elementary School and the reading and math intervention programs at Eisenhower Elementary School, both located in Coon Rapids. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith secured a historic $25 million investment for free, voluntary preKindergarten in 2016. Thanks to this funding, Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools received a $710,000 grant, allowing 96 four-year-olds to attend voluntary preKindergarten for free.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Education: Engine of Opportunity and Success]
4/26/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Robert Doty as Executive Director of the Minnesota State Lottery**	Governor Dayton appoints Robert Doty to serve as Executive Director of the Minnesota State Lottery. Mr. Doty brings more than three decades of financial and organizational management experience to the Lottery. Mr. Doty will begin as Executive Director at the Minnesota State Lottery on May 1, 2017.	[News Release]
4/27/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Minnesota Workers Hold Roundtable to Urge Legislature to Pass Wage Theft Prevention Act**	Lt. Governor Smith leads a roundtable discussion about wage theft with Minnesota workers, state legislators, and labor leaders. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) estimates that over 39,000 workers experience wage theft in Minnesota each year, averaging $11.9 million dollars of wages that are owed, but not paid to Minnesota workers.	[News Release]
4/27/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to hospital operations**	Chapter 18, SF 341: This bill allows hospitals owned by state or local governments to invest in any securities, as recommended by an	[News Release]

		investment advisor, bank, or trust company.	
	Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to Medical Assistance	Chapter 19, SF 562: This bill clarifies requirements for an existing Medical Assistance benefit for the treatment of children with autism spectrum disorders.	[News Release]
4/27/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Attend People of Color Career Fair**	Reaffirming their ongoing commitment to building an economy that works everyone, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith attend the People of Color Career Fair in Minneapolis.	[News Release] [People of Color Career Fair]
5/1/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Rural Health Insurance Rates**	The Minnesota Department of Health announces new data showing that the number of uninsured Minnesotans in Greater Minnesota dropped more significantly than elsewhere in the state. The data shows the uninsured rate in Greater Minnesota dropped 7 percentage points, from 12 percent uninsured in 2011 to 5 percent uninsured in 2015.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Health Release]
5/1/17	**Governor Dayton to be Reappointed to Council of Governors**	The White House announces that President Trump intends to reappoint Governor Mark Dayton to the Council of Governors, to serve a two-year term. The Council of Governors is a bipartisan forum created to advise the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, and the White House Homeland Security Council on matters related to the National Guard and civil support missions.	[News Release]
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to building codes**	Chapter 20, HF 792: This bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to amend the State Building Code rules so that new two-unit townhouses are not required to install automatic fire sprinkler systems.	[News Release]
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to terrorism**	Chapter 22, HF 1397: This bill limits payments to beneficiaries of persons furthering terrorism.	[News Release]
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health care**	Chapter 23, HF 212: This bill regulates payment of commissions by issuers of individual health plans.	[News Release]
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to employment**	Chapter 24, HF 1294: This bill regulates the termination of sales representatives.	[News Release]
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to credit unions**	Chapter 25, HF 1477: This bill regulates meetings of credit unions.	[News Release]
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to community relations**	Chapter 26, SF 870: This bill allows cities to fundraise and spend money on National Night Out, and other	[News Release]

		events that foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community.	
5/3/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to human services**	Chapter 28, SF 1135: This bill makes technical changes to laws affecting the Ramsey County human resources department.	[News Release]
5/4/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Kittson County**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $95,025 in relief for Kittson County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. From March 27 through April 15, 2017, areas of Kittson County experienced damage resulting from spring flooding.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
5/5/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on U.S. House Health Care Vote**	The United States House of Representatives vote to approve the American Health Care Act (AHCA).	[News Release]
5/5/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to discrimination**	Chapter 21, HF 400: This bill prohibits state contracts with vendors that engage in discrimination against Israel, or against persons or entities that do business in Israel, when making decisions related to the operation of the vendor's business.	[News Release]
5/5/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to county law libraries**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 27, SF 1113, a bill relating to county law libraries.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/9/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the 2017 Legislative Session**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding this afternoon's actions by the Minnesota Legislature. Governor Dayton urges lawmakers to send him their bills as quickly as possible so that he can veto them and resume budget negotiations.	[News Release]
5/10/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes two bills relating to women's health autonomy**	Governor Dayton vetoes two bills restricting a woman's right to make her own medical decisions.	[News Release] [Veto Letter: Chapter 31] [Veto Letter: Chapter 33]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus agriculture finance bill**	Chapter 41, SF 780: This is the omnibus agriculture finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus environment and natural resources finance bill**	Chapter 42, HF 888: This is the omnibus environment and natural resources finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus E-12 education finance bill**	Chapter 43, HF 890: This is the omnibus E-12 education finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus state government, military and veterans affairs finance bill**	Chapter 44, SF605: This is the omnibus state government, military and veterans affairs finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

5/12/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus health and human services finance bill**	Chapter 45, SF 800: This is the omnibus health and human services finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to medical assistance**	Chapter 46, SF 216: This bill modifies certain claims against estates provisions under medical assistance.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health insurance**	Chapter 47, SF 997: This bill requires health insurance coverage for certain prescription eye drops refills.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to retail merchandising**	Chapter 48, SF 2008: This bill modifies price marking requirements for retail merchandise.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to criminal background checks**	Chapter 50, HF 474: This bill authorizes criminal background checks by the Board of Medical Practice. It exempts certain physicians from criminal background checks under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to medical training**	Chapter 51, HF 952: This bill allows hearing loss training requirements for housing with services establishments.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to finances**	Chapter 52, HF 997: This bill modifies the requirements for payment of claims.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to emergency medical services**	Chapter 53, HF 106: This bill modifies criteria for community medical response emergency medical technician services.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to land sale**	Chapter 54, SF 1124: This bill modifies requirements for exchanging road easements and for leasing forest lands; providing for public or private sale of certain consolidated conservation land.	[News Release]
5/12/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to law enforcement**	Chapter 55, HF 678: This bill establishes law enforcement memorial special license plates.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Update from the 70th Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener on the Mississippi River in St. Cloud**	The 2017 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener is a success! With perfect weather in the St. Cloud area, Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and their fishing parties caught over 40 fish on the Mississippi River.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to local government**	Chapter 29, SF 1020: This bill eliminates the cap on spending for purchase of awards and trophies by local governments.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to dental practice requirements**	Chapter 30, HF 1712: This bill modifies the collaborative practice requirements for certain dental hygienists.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to hospital finances**	Chapter 32, SF 1616: This bill establishes a contingent, alternate payment method for children's	[News Release]

		hospitals that is related to a recent federal policy change in how disproportionate share hospital payments are calculated.	
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to medical malpractice**	Chapter 34, SF 879: This bill authorizes the Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association to provide liquor liability and certain medical malpractice coverage.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council**	Chapter 35, SF 1549: This bill adopts the 2016 recommendations of the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to farming**	Chapter 36, HF 22: This bill exempts revocable trusts for family farms from reporting requirements.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to real estate**	Chapter 37, HF 593: This bill changes requirements relating to investigations, background checks, and disciplinary actions for real estate appraisers.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to real estate**	Chapter 38, HF 1118: This bill allows the purchaser of a condominium or coop housing unit to cancel a purchase agreement by electronic communication.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to insurance**	Chapter 39, HF 1732: This bill requires the Commissioner of Commerce to have a scheduling conference with, and issue a scheduling order to, an insurance company for examinations of market analysis.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Revisor's Bill**	Chapter 40, SF 1654: This is the Revisor's Bill.	[News Release]
5/13/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day**	Governor Dayton orders all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Monday, May 15, 2017, in honor and remembrance of Peace Officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.	[News Release]
5/16/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus transportation finance bill**	Chapter 62, HF 861: This is the omnibus transportation finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/16/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus public safety and judiciary finance bill**	Chapter 63, SF 803: This is the omnibus public safety and judiciary finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/16/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus jobs and energy finance bill**	Chapter 64, SF 1937: This is the omnibus jobs and energy finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

5/16/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus higher education finance bill**	Chapter 65, SF 2214: This is the omnibus higher education finance bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/16/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes the omnibus tax bill**	Chapter 66, HF 4: This is the omnibus tax bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Medical Practices Act**	Chapter 56, SF 482: This bill makes technical changes to the Medical Practices Act.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Nurse Practices Act**	Chapter 57, SF 527: This bill makes technical changes to the Nurse Practices Act.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to telemedicine**	Chapter 58, SF 1353: This bill sets requirements for the practice of telemedicine.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to registered medical professionals**	Chapter 59, SF 1844: This bill makes technical changes to add advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to certain statutes.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the right to counsel**	Chapter 60, HF 1702: This bill requires children aged ten and older to be informed of the right to counsel.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to supported work programs**	Chapter 61, HF 2174: This bill authorizes Ramsey County to select positions for a supported work program.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to labor and industry laws**	Chapter 68 SF 1457: This bill makes clarifying and technical changes to labor and industry laws.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to highway memorials**	Chapter 69 HF 326: This bill names a segment of Trunk Highway 23 in the city and town of Paynesville as Medal of Honor recipient Kenneth L. Olson Highway.	[News Release]
5/17/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to highway memorials**	Chapter 70 HF 745: This bill names the bridge over U.S. Highway 52 in the city of Coates as Corporal Benjamin S. Kopp Bridge.	[News Release]
5/18/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Bill to Authorize Real ID in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 76, HF 3, to authorize the Department of Public Safety to move forward on Real ID in Minnesota. This authorization means that Minnesotans will continue to be able to board domestic flights, with a compliant driver's license. Governor Dayton first called for legislative action to resolve Real ID more than two years ago.	[News Release]
5/18/17	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Bill on Teacher Licensure**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding his decision to veto Chapter 73, HF 140, which would direct restructuring of Minnesota's teacher licensure system.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

5/19/17	**Governor Dayton Declares "National Number One Softball Team Minnesota Gophers Day" in the State of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton declares "National Number One Softball Team Minnesota Gophers Day" in the State of Minnesota. The Gophers Softball Team won a record-breaking 54 games this season, including 25 in a row as part of an ongoing winning streak. They also won the Big Ten regular season and tournament titles.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/22/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith honor Sen. Carla Nelson's Father**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release a statement on the passing of Sen. Carla Nelson's father.	[News Release]
5/22/17	**Governor Dayton and Legislative Leaders Reach Agreement**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and Legislative Leaders announce that they have reached an agreement to have a special session to resolve Minnesota's state budget for the next biennium.	[News Release] [AGREEMENT: Special Session] [AUDIO: Special Session] [PROCLAMATION: Special Session]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to city ordinances**	Chapter 77, HF 1242: This bill requires notice of proposed city ordinances that affect business licenses.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to mental health**	Chapter 79, HF 1186: This bill modifies the definition of mental health practitioner.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to infrastructure coding**	Chapter 80, HF 1542: This bill clarifies when and how the notice of architectural barrier is required.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to highway memorials**	Chapter 81, SF 1564: This bill designates a segment of Trunk Highway 65 in Isanti County as Chip A. Imker Memorial Highway.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to medical licensure**	Chapter 82, HF 959: This bill makes the medical faculty physician license permanent.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to electronic tracking**	Chapter 83, HF 179: This bill makes changes to standards for ignition interlock devices, and prohibits the use of ignition interlock devices enabled with location tracking unless ordered by a court.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to drug regulation**	Chapter 84, HF 712: This bill changes state law about generic drug substitution to apply to biological products.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to mental health**	Chapter 85, HF 827: This bill requires treatment facilities to notify local agencies when a person who is mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or chemically dependent is released from a facility.	[News Release]
5/23/17	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to product transportation**	Chapter 86, HF 1725: This bill increases the weight limit for vehicles transporting milk.	[News Release]

5/23/17	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to landowners**	Chapter 78, HF 985: This bill relates to the duty of landowners.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/23/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton Regarding Local Government Preemption Legislation**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding local government preemption legislation.	[News Release]
5/26/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff for Memorial Day**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 29, 2017, in honor of those who have died while serving in the United States Military.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/27/17	**Governor Dayton, Ron Schara, and Bass Fishing Champion Seth Feider Open State Bass Season on Mille Lacs**	Governor Dayton celebrates the state bass fishing opener on Mille Lacs with outdoor celebrity Ron Schara and Bassmaster Champion Seth Feider. Altogether, the Governor, Ron, and Seth caught 5 fish on Mille Lacs this morning. Governor Dayton caught 1 walleye; Ron Schara caught 2 bass; and Seth Feider caught 2 walleye.	[News Release] [Photo]
5/30/17	**Governor Dayton Takes Action on Budget Bills**	Governor Dayton takes action on budget bills recently passed by the Minnesota Legislature. Links to Governor Dayton's letters to Legislative Leaders concerning these decisions are included below.	[News Release] [LETTER: Legislative Leaders] [LETTER: Veto Preemption Bill] [LETTER: Tax Bill] [LETTER: Transportation Bill] [LETTER: Jobs and Energy Bill] [LETTER: Health and Human Services Bill] [LETTER: E-12 Education Bill] [LETTER: Agriculture Bill] [LETTER: Public Safety Bill] [LETTER: State Government] [Line-Item Veto] [LETTER: Environment and Natural Resources Bill] [LETTER: LCCMR Bill] [LETTER: Legacy Bill]
5/30/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Tax Bill**	On Friday, May 26, 2017, Legislative Leaders signed the Tax Bill passed by the Legislature, and sent it to the Revisor's Office. The bill was	[News Release] [MEMO: Attorney General] [LETTER: Tax Bill]

		presented to the Governor's Office on that same day, which gave Governor Dayton until midnight today, Tuesday, May 30, 2017, to take action on the bill.	[UPDATED LETTER: Tax Bill]
6/1/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on President Trump's Decision to Exit the Paris Climate Agreement**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding President Trump's decision to pull the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement.	[News Release]
6/2/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton Regarding Drivers Licenses for Members of Minnesota's Immigrant Communities**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding drivers licenses for members of Minnesota's immigrant communities.	[News Release]
6/2/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 17-03**	In consultation with Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman and Adjutant General Richard Nash, Governor Dayton directed the Minnesota National Guard to assist with the search and rescue of lost canoeists in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. The canoeists have been located after signaling a Department of Public Safety airplane with a flashlight.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
6/5/17	**Governor Dayton joins coalition of governors combating climate change**	Governor Dayton announces that Minnesota is joining the U.S. Climate Alliance, to uphold the Paris Accord and take action on climate change.	[News Release] [Governor Inslee Release]
6/6/17	**Reservations Now Open for Summer Tours of the Governor's Residence**	The 2017 summer tour season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence will kick off on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.	[News Release]
6/9/17	**New Study Confirms Minnesota Tobacco Tax Positively Impacting Smoking Rates**	New research confirms that Minnesota's tobacco tax is positively impacting smoking rates in the state. The research study, led by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), shows that among Minnesotans who successfully quit smoking in the past year, 63 percent reported that the price increase helped them make a quit attempt and helped keep them from smoking again.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Raising Tobacco Taxes]
6/9/17	**Lt. Governor Smith and DNR Invite All Minnesotans to Celebrate "National Get Outdoors Day" this Saturday**	Lt. Governor Smith and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) want all Minnesotans to lace up their hiking boots, grab a paddle or fishing pole, and get out to enjoy a state park this Saturday, June 10. In celebration of National Get Outdoors	[News Release]

		Day, the DNR will waive the requirement for a vehicle permit (a $5 value) and offer free admission at all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas.	
6/14/17	**Governor Announces Sam Hanson, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice, as Special Counsel**	The Office of the Governor retains Mr. Sam Hanson, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice, and Briggs and Morgan to represent the Governor and Minnesota Management and Budget in the lawsuit filed by the Minnesota Legislature. The lawsuit challenges the Governor's authority, as provided in the Minnesota Constitution, to line-item veto appropriations for the Minnesota House and Minnesota Senate.	[News Release]
6/16/17	**Lt. Governor Smith to Lead Bipartisan Delegation of Minnesota Elected Officials and Business Leaders to Cuba**	Lt. Governor Smith announces that a bipartisan delegation from Minnesota will visit Cuba this week to help Minnesota farmers tap demand in Cuba for imported agricultural products.	[News Release]
6/16/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Today's Verdict in Case Concerning the Death of Philando Castile**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the verdict reached in Ramsey County Court in the case concerning the death of Philando Castile.	[News Release] [Lt. Governor Smith's Statement]
6/19/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Todd L. Doncavage to Serve as Mediation Services Commissioner**	Governor Dayton appoints Todd Doncavage to serve as Commissioner of the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS). Commissioner Doncavage has served as Acting Commissioner since the passing of Commissioner Joshua Tilsen in April 2017.	[News Release] [Bureau of Mediation Services]
6/22/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Leads Bipartisan Agricultural Trade Mission to Cuba**	Lt. Governor Smith is leading a bipartisan trade mission in Cuba. The Minnesota delegation is cultivating ties between the state's agricultural industry and new markets in Cuba. Stronger ties will allow Minnesota farmers to tap demand in Cuba for poultry, meat, dairy, soy, corn and dry bean products.	[News Release] [Photos]
6/27/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Alene Tchourumoff to Chair Metropolitan Council**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Alene Tchourumoff to serve as Chair of the Metropolitan Council. Tchourumoff currently serves as Minnesota's State Rail Director, and brings a decade of experience in infrastructure planning, transportation policy, and finance to her new role.	[News Release]

6/27/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Joint Stipulation**	Attorneys representing Governor Dayton and Republican Legislative Leaders filed a Joint Stipulation with the Ramsey County District Court, which asks the Court to order continuing funding for House and Senate Members, for their staffs, and for their operating obligations, for ninety days.	[News Release]
6/29/17	**Mille Lacs Named Best Bass Fishing Lake in the Country by Bassmaster Magazine**	Bassmaster Magazine names Mille Lacs the best lake in the country for bass fishing in their annual rankings of the best bass lakes in America. Ranked against twelve other lakes, Mille Lacs placed first thanks to its abundance of hearty smallmouth bass.	[News Release] [Bassmaster Magazine Ranking]
7/5/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the U.S. Senate Health Care Bill**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the U.S. Senate Health Care Bill.	[News Release]
7/6/17	**Governor Dayton Recommends New Law Enforcement Training Fund Be Named in Memory of Philando Castile**	Governor Dayton issues a letter to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board, requesting that its members name a new law enforcement training fund in memory of Philando Castile, who was tragically killed one year ago today.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter to the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board] [PHOTO: Press Conference with Castile family] [PHOTO: Press Conference with Castile family [Audio]
7/6/17	**Governor Dayton, Minnesota Vikings' Linval Joseph, Youth to Fish for Bass on Mille Lacs this Saturday**	This Saturday, July 8, 2017, Governor Dayton will travel to Mille Lacs to fish for bass and promote the lake's status as the best bass fishing lake in the country, according to Bassmaster Magazine. Governor Dayton's bass fishing party is being hosted by Greg, Suzy, and Dean Fisher of Fisher's Resort in Isle.	[News Release]
7/11/16	**Governor Dayton Proclaims July "Hire a Veteran Month" in Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith provides remarks at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's (DEED) annual Minnesota Veterans Career Fair in Bloomington. The Veterans Career Fair connected nearly 200 employers with approximately 1,000 former and current military members.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/11/17	**CNBC Names Minnesota America's Third Best State for Business**	Minnesota is America's Third Best State for Business in 2017, according to a new report by CNBC. Minnesota moved into the third spot this year, after placing fourth in 2016 and	[News Release] [CNBC Ranking]

		coming in first as America's Top State for Business in 2015.	
7/12/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "X Games Day" in Minnesota**	Marking the first time the X Games will be hosted in Minnesota, Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, July 13, 2017 to be "X Games Day" in Minnesota. The proclamation honors Minnesota's vibrant extreme sports community and celebrates all the upcoming X Games action July 13-16, 2017. The competition is expected to attract approximately 100,000 people.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/13/17	**Governor Dayton Names Michael Vekich as Chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, Laura Bishop as Member**	Michael Vekich is appointed Chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA). Mr. Vekich will replace Kathleen Blatz, who has served as Interim Chair of the MSFA Board since February of this year, for a term expiring January 7, 2019. Laura Bishop has been appointed to the MSFA Board. Ms. Bishop will fill a vacancy on the Board created by the prior appointment of Ms. Blatz as Interim Chair, for a term expiring December 31, 2020	[News Release] [PHOTO: Michael Vekich] [PHOTO: Laura Bishop]
7/14/17	**Governor Dayton Joins 37 Other Governors to Sign "A Compact to Improve State Cybersecurity"**	Governor Dayton signs onto "A Compact to Improve State Cybersecurity," an effort by 38 governors to improve state cybersecurity. The compact covers three main areas of cybersecurity, which Minnesota is already leading on: (1) build cybersecurity governance; (2) prepare for and defend against cybersecurity threats; and (3) develop a cybersecurity workforce.	[News Release]
7/17/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Big Stone and Stevens Counties**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $24,999.38 in relief for Big Stone County and up to an estimated $20,126.25 for Stevens County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. Both counties experienced significant damage to public property caused by severe thunderstorms, high winds, and tornadoes on June 13, 2017.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
7/19/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Ramsey County District Court Ruling**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding the ruling in Ramsey County District Court.	[News Release]
7/24/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Winona County**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $107,785.25 in relief for Winona County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]

		Account. The county experienced significant damage to public property caused by severe thunderstorms, high winds, and a tornado on June 28, 2017.	
7/27/17	**Water Quality Town Hall Meetings Across Minnesota Begin Monday in Rochester**	A series of ten Water Quality Town Hall meetings will begin on Monday, July 31, 2017 in Rochester. The ten town halls offer Minnesotans an opportunity to discuss the water quality challenges facing their communities and our state, learn from experts, and engage with policymakers.	[News Release]
7/31/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags to Half-Staff in Observation of Tenth Anniversary of I-35W Bridge Collapse**	In honor and remembrance of those who were killed or injured in the Interstate 35W Bridge collapse a decade ago, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
7/31/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Proposed Health Insurance Rates**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the proposed rates for Minnesota's individual health insurance market.	[News Release]
7/31/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Anoka County**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $522,387.75 in relief for Anoka County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. The county experienced significant damage to public property caused by severe thunderstorms with high winds, heavy rain, and large hail on June 11, 2017.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
8/2/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Minnehaha Academy Explosion**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding this morning's explosion at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis.	[News Release]
8/3/17	**Governor Dayton Announces Higher Standard for Biodiesel Blends Made from Soybeans**	As farmers across Minnesota gather at Farmfest this week, Governor Dayton announces the state will implement a new biodiesel standard next spring, as Minnesota moves to a 20 percent biodiesel blend (B20) at pumps across the state. In 2005, Minnesota became the first state in the nation to require all diesel fuel to have a blend of at least 2 percent biodiesel, known as B2.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Minnesota Farmers]
8/4/17	**22,500 Kids Heading to Preschool This Fall with State Funding Secured by Governor Dayton**	The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) releases a list of 59 school districts and charter schools that will receive new preK funding this year – programs that have significantly	[News Release]

		expanded access to high-quality early learning opportunities across the state.	
8/5/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on the Explosion this Morning at Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith releases statements after an explosion at Dar Al Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, Minnesota.	[News Release]
8/7/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Becker, Clay, and Norman County**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $619,525 in relief for Becker, Clay, and Norman counties from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. The counties experienced significant damage to public property caused by tornadoes and severe thunderstorms with high winds, heavy rain, and large hail during the period of July 11¬-12, 2017.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
8/8/17	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota Invite Young Women to Apply for Opportunities with Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota invite young women from across the state to apply for open positions with the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota]
8/9/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Proposed Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the deadline for publishing the Environmental Impact Statement for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Oil Pipeline.	[News Release]
8/15/17	**Water Quality Town Hall Meetings Continue This Week in Mankato and Marshall**	Water Quality Town Hall meetings will continue this week with town hall meetings in Mankato on August 16 and in Marshall on August 17. Governor Dayton and his administration launched the Water Quality Town Hall meetings with a gathering last month in Rochester.	[News Release]
8/17/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Clearwater County**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $85,875 in relief for Clearwater County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. The county experienced significant damage to public property caused by severe thunderstorms with high winds on July 21, 2017.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
8/24/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Proclaim Thursday, August 24 to be "The Great Minnesota Get Together Day"**	Commemorating the start of the Minnesota State Fair, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith have proclaimed Thursday, August 24, 2017 to be "The Great Minnesota Get Together Day" in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]

8/30/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Major General Jon A. Jensen as the 31st Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Major General Jon A. Jensen to serve as the 31st Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard. General Jensen will fill the vacancy created upon the upcoming retirement of Major General Richard Nash under the state's mandatory retirement at the end of October. He will serve a seven-year term.	[News Release] [Headshot]
8/31/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith in Support of Minnesota Dreamers**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith urge the federal government to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative, to protect from deportation those people, who were brought to America as children of undocumented immigrants. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith also recently joined with leaders from around the country to sign a letter to President Trump urging support for DACA.	[News Release] [State Leader Letter]
8/31/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Chippewa Financing for Mineral Leases**	Governor Dayton releases a statement regarding the deadline for Chippewa Capital Partners, LLC to obtain the needed financing for its mineral leases.	[News Release]
8/31/17	**Water Quality Town Hall Meetings Continue Next Week in Crookston and St. Cloud**	Water Quality Town Hall meetings will continue next week with town hall meetings in Crookston on Tuesday, September 5, and in St. Cloud on Wednesday, September 6. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss the water quality challenges facing our communities and our state, learn from experts, and engage with policymakers.	[News Release]
9/1/17	**Minnesota National Guard to send aviation assets to support Hurricane Harvey relief efforts**	Governor Dayton approves 11 soldiers from the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Combat Aviation Brigade to support response efforts for Hurricane Harvey. The soldiers will depart today from St. Cloud via CH-47 chinook helicopters to conduct aviation operations in Texas.	[News Release]
9/5/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Welcome Kids Back to School as New Investments in Education Reach $2 Billion**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith welcome students back to school at Robbinsdale's Meadow Lake Elementary in New Hope. As more than 860,000 students head back to school across Minnesota this fall, new investments in E-12 education funding under Governor Dayton's leadership now total $2 billion.	[News Release] [MAP: Districts and Charter Schools Receiving PreK Funding] [CHART: Institutions Receiving Ongoing 2016 Funding]

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9/6/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Visits Paul Bunyan Elementary School in Bemidji and Lowell Elementary School in Duluth as New Investments in Education Reach $2 Billion**	With more than 860,000 students returning to class across the state this week, Lt. Governor Smith visits Paul Bunyan Elementary School in Bemidji and Lowell Elementary School in Duluth. This year, thanks to investments secured by Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith, Bemidji Public Schools received $208,000 and Duluth Public Schools received $100,000 to expand their preKindergarten programs.	[News Release] [MAP: Districts and Charter Schools Receiving PreK Funding] [CHART: Institutions Receiving Ongoing 2016 Funding] [CHART: Institutions Receiving One-Time 2017 Funding] [CHART: Institutions that Applied for One-Time 2017 Funding]
9/7/17	**New Report: Minnesota's Clean Energy Industry Growing Rapidly with More than 57,000 Total Jobs**	Clean Energy Economy Minnesota (CEEM) releases a new report from Clean Energy Trust and Environmental Entrepreneurs that finds Minnesota now has 57,351 total clean energy jobs. In the last 12 months, Minnesota's clean energy industry grew by 5.3 percent, adding 2,893 jobs—3.8 times faster than overall job growth in the state. Despite the rapid growth that has already occurred, clean energy technology continues to present a significant opportunity for business and job growth.	[News Release] [Clean Energy Economy Minnesota] [CEEM 2017 Report] [Environmental Entrepreneurs]
9/7/17	**Minnesota Students Earn Best ACT Test Scores in the Nation, as All Student Groups Achieve Higher Scores**	Minnesota students lead the nation on ACT college entrance exam scores, with an average score of 21.5, compared to the national average of 21. All measured student groups increased their ACT scores this year, with African American students, Hispanic students, and Pacific Islander students all increasing average scores by 0.5 points. Among states who give the test to more than half of their students, Minnesota ranked fifth in the nation.	[News Release]
9/7/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Amazon Expansion**	Amazon announces it is looking to build a second headquarters in North America, investing as much as $5 billion to build and operate a facility which would employ as many as 50,000 people. Governor Dayton releases the following statement.	[News Release]

9/8/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Observance of the 16th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks**	In observance of the sixteenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Monday, September 11, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/8/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes Emergency Response Team to Assist Florida with Hurricane Irma**	Governor Dayton authorizes a team of 16 Minnesota emergency management professionals to head to Florida, as that state faces Hurricane Irma. Governor Dayton approved a request for assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) for a Type III Incident Management Team to help with response and recovery efforts.	[News Release] [Emergency Management Assistance Compact]
9/8/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Minnesota Supreme Court Order**	Governor Dayton issues a statement in response to the Supreme Court's order regarding his line-item veto usage.	[News Release]
9/9/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order for Hurricane Irma Assistance**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-07, directing the Minnesota National Guard to assist with Hurricane Irma response and relief efforts. Governor Dayton's Executive Order approves a request for assistance from the Minnesota National Guard through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order] [Emergency Management Assistance Compact]
9/9/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order for Wildfire Assistance**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-08, directing the Minnesota National Guard to assist with response and relief efforts for wildfires currently threatening life and property in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Governor Dayton's Executive Order approves a request for assistance from the Minnesota National Guard through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order] [Emergency Management Assistance Compact]
9/9/17	**Governor Dayton Announces Appointments to the Young Women's Cabinet**	Governor Dayton announces the following appointments to the Young Women's Cabinet, as part of the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota]
9/11/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Commerce Review of Enbridge Line 3**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the Minnesota Department of Commerce submitting testimony to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC), regarding	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Commerce Testimony]

		the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline project.	
9/11/17	**Minnesota Guardsmen tasked for support to Hurricane Irma relief efforts**	The Minnesota Air National Guard sends 41 Airmen to support response efforts for Hurricane Irma. Six Soldiers from the Minnesota Army National Guard also departed this morning to support relief efforts.	[News Release]
9/15/17	**Digi-Key Electronics Breaks Ground on 1 Million-Square-Foot Expansion**	Governor Dayton and Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Shawntera Hardy join leaders from Digi-Key, a global electronic component distributor in Thief River Falls, to break ground on the company's new $200 million expansion project.	[News Release]
9/15/17	**Lt. Governor Smith and Community Dedicate New U.S. Highway 53 Bridge in Virginia**	Minnesota Lt. Governor Smith and Congressman Nolan travel to Virginia to mark the completion of the Highway 53 Relocation project. Shortly after 11 a.m., officials cut a ribbon under the bridge and announced that the new roadway and bridge were ready for service.	[News Release]
9/20/17	**Governor Dayton Urges Approval of Federal Waiver for Minnesota's Health Reinsurance Program, Vows to Fight Trump Administration Cuts to MinnesotaCare Funding**	Governor Dayton urges the federal government to officially approve Minnesota's 1332 innovation waiver, allowing the state to operate its reinsurance program created during the 2017 Legislative Session. The reinsurance program would help reduce premiums by an estimated 20 percent from what they otherwise would be, for Minnesotans who purchase their health insurance on the individual marketplace.	[News Release] [Minnesota's Innovation Waiver Application] [Bipartisan Congressional Delegation Letter to HHS Secretary] [Bipartisan State Legislators Letter to HHS Secretary] [Governor Dayton Letter to HHS Secretary]
9/20/17	**Minnesota one of 14 states 'On Track' to Hit Paris Climate Targets, New Report**	Citing recent extreme weather event as further evidence of the urgent need for climate solutions, the U.S. Climate Alliance (USCA)--an effort among 14 states and Puerto Rico to reduce greenhouse gas emissions--releases a report showing that member states are collectively on track to meet and possibly exceed their portion of the U.S. commitment under the Paris Agreement.	[News Release] [United States Climate Alliance]
9/21/17	**New water treatment facility in Morris will improve water quality for residents and save taxpayers money**	The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) awards nearly $18.4 million in grants and loans for a new water treatment plant and supporting infrastructure in Morris that will	[News Release]

		reduce water hardness for residents and reduce the discharge of chloride into the environment.	
9/21/17	**State of Minnesota Seeking IT Proposals for Supplier Diversity Dashboard**	To provide more opportunities for minority-, woman-, veteran-, economically disadvantaged, and disabled-owned small businesses, the State of Minnesota is building a Supplier Diversity Dashboard – a new online tool that will help contractors and state agencies track State spending with diverse businesses in real time.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Administration Release]
9/22/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Mediation Proceedings with the Minnesota Legislature**	Governor Dayton releases the following statement on mediation proceedings with Legislative Leaders.	[News Release] [SPREADSHEET: Minnesota Management and Budget Projected Legislative Funding]
9/22/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Observation of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service**	In honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 24, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
9/25/17	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Gov. Smith highlight severe harm to Minnesotans if Cassidy-Graham health care bill is passed**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the proposed Cassidy-Graham health care bill.	[News Release]
9/26/17	**Minnesota awarded $21.2 million grant to improve reading skills of 30,000 students**	The Minnesota Department of Education announces it received a $21.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve reading skills of students from birth through grade 12. The grant will serve an estimated 30,000 students.	[News Release]
9/27/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Redwood and Renville Counties**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $675,750 in total relief for Redwood and Renville Counties. The funding will come from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. Severe thunderstorms and flooding on August 16, 2017, caused significant damage to county and township roads, a section of regional railway, and county agricultural drainage systems.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
9/28/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Encourage Minnesotans to Support Recovery and**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith encourage concerned Minnesotans to donate and volunteer with qualified relief efforts, to assist	[News Release]

	Relief Efforts in Puerto Rico	those impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. There are approximately 13,000 Puerto Rican people living in Minnesota, meaning many Minnesotans have family, friends, or other loved ones impacted by Hurricane Maria.	
9/28/17	**Metropolitan Council "Green Infrastructure" Grants Support Local Water Initiatives**	The Metropolitan Council votes to award $1 million to five metro cities looking to improve water quality and encourage conservation. The awards are part of a pilot project to support local efforts to address issues in their communities related to water quality, quantity, and wastewater treatment.	[News Release]
9/29/17	**Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations Releases Final Recommendations**	The Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations issues its final report, detailing its recommendations to help ensure greater trust, safety, and justice for all Minnesotans. Governor Dayton established the council in October 2016, to identify strategies to improve relations between Minnesota communities and law enforcement officers, review best practices, and recommend specific reforms.	[News Release] [Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Safety Regulations]
9/30/17	**Open Letter from Governor Dayton on Chippewa Project**	Governor Dayton issues an open letter to the people of the Iron Range, regarding the future of Chippewa Capital Partners' project at the former Essar site.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
10/2/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Individual Market Health Insurance Rates**	The Minnesota Department of Commerce releases the final 2018 insurance company rates for individual and small group health plans, in advance of the open enrollment period that begins on November 1.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Commerce Release]
10/2/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Las Vegas, Nevada**	In accordance with the proclamation issued by President Trump, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota. As directed by the President, flags will be flown at half-staff beginning immediately, until sunset on Friday, October 6, 2017, as a mark of respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence in Las Vegas, Nevada.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Trump's Proclamation]
10/2/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Minnesota Sex Offender Program**	The United States Supreme Court announces that it would not revisit a ruling by the federal Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the	[News Release]

		Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) constitutional.	
10/4/17	**Governor Dayton Names Tenzin Dolkar as Minnesota's New State Rail Director**	Governor Dayton announces Tenzin Dolkar will serve as Minnesota's new State Rail Director. Dolkar will replace Alene Tchourumoff in the role, after Tchourumoff was appointed Chair of the Metropolitan Council by Governor Dayton in June of this year.	[News Release] [Headshot]
10/4/17	**Governor Dayton Approves Plan to Modernize Communications Infrastructure for First Responders**	Governor Dayton approves a plan to modernize Minnesota's communications infrastructure, to better connect and serve first responders across the state. The plan, developed by AT&T under the federal FirstNet effort, will build modern communications infrastructure to power a high-speed, wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety, at no cost to Minnesota taxpayers.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
10/5/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Friday "Minnesota Lynx Day"**	On Friday, October 6, 2017, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith will host a celebration reception at the Governor's Residence for the Minnesota Lynx. On Wednesday night, the Lynx won the WNBA Championship for the fourth time in seven years.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/6/17	**Progress toward buffer compliance is strong ahead of first implementation deadline**	Minnesota farmers and landowners are making significant progress in implementing the state's new buffer requirement that goes into effect November 1.	[News Release]
10/6/17	**Statements from Lt. Governor Smith and Governor Dayton on Federal Rollback of Women's Health Care**	Lt. Governor Smith and Governor Dayton release statements responding to the Trump Administration's elimination of an Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirement that the majority of health insurance policies sold in the United States include birth control coverage free of charge. The new federal policy will allow employers the choice to deny their employees access to health insurance that covers costs for birth control.	[News Release]
10/10/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Federal Rollback of Clean Power Plan**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding the Trump Administration's steps to undo the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan, designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and curb climate change.	[News Release]

10/10/17	**Lt. Governor Smith and Local Officials Celebrate Completion of Phase One of Falls International Airport Terminal Project**	Lt. Governor Smith joins local officials to celebrate the completion of Phase One of the Falls International Airport terminal building. The Dayton Administration secured $2.2 million in the 2014 public works bills for Phase One of the terminal project. An additional $6.6 million in matching state, local, and federal funds was used to complete the work.	[News Release]
10/14/17	**Governor Dayton Hosts Seventh Annual Governor's Pheasant Opener in Marshall**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith kick off the 2017 pheasant hunting season this morning in Marshall, where 153 hunters harvested 28 roosters	[News Release]
10/16/17	**Governor Dayton Signs Federal Waiver for Minnesota's Reinsurance Program**	Governor Dayton officially signs a federal waiver agreement to secure Minnesota's reinsurance program. The program has lowered 2018 health insurance premiums by an average of 20 percent for the 166,000 Minnesotans who purchase their coverage on the state's Individual Market, compared to what premiums would have been without reinsurance.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Waiver]
10/17/17	**Governor Dayton to Light the Governor's Residence Blue Tonight to Honor Victims of the Attack in Mogadishu**	To honor those wounded and killed in the terrible attack in Mogadishu, Somalia, Governor Dayton will light the Governor's Residence blue. The Residence will be lit blue to reflect the flag of Somalia.	[News Release]
10/17/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Emergency Medical Technician Marina DeSteno Challeen**	In honor and remembrance of Emergency Medical Technician Marina DeSteno Challeen, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/18/17	**Governor Dayton and Governor Burgum Establish New Task Force on Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion**	Minnesota Governor Dayton and North Dakota Governor Burgum announces the formation of a new Task Force to develop balanced flood risk management for the Fargo-Moorhead region, including upstream, downstream, and metro-area communities and properties. The two Governors announced their intent to form the Task Force following a meeting in Moorhead earlier this month.	[News Release] [Fargo-Moorhead Task Force]
10/24/17	**Governor Dayton Opens National Cybersecurity Summit During**	Governor Dayton welcomes representatives of industry, government, and higher education to	[News Release] [Cyber Security Summit]

	"Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Minnesota	Minnesota for the seventh-annual "Cyber Security Summit" at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The State of Minnesota is a founding member of the summit, which brings people together to work to improve the state of cyber security on both a domestic and international level.	[Proclamation]
10/24/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Invite Trick-or-Treaters to Governor's Residence**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith call all little ghosts and ghouls to celebrate Halloween at the Governor's Residence on Tuesday, October 31st – if they dare. The gates of the Governor's Residence will be open from 5:00–7:00pm.	[News Release]
10/24/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Wellstone Remembrance Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, October 25, 2017 as "Wellstone Remembrance Day" in Minnesota, honoring the late U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone 15 years after he was killed in a terrible plane crash, along with his wife Sheila, his daughter Marcia, three close friends and aides, and two pilots. The Governor's proclamation highlights Senator Wellstone's dedication to the people of Minnesota and the causes he believed in.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
10/25/17	**Lt. Governor Tina Smith, Commissioner Emily Piper to Hold Town Hall Meeting in Duluth on MinnesotaCare Buy-In Proposal**	Lt. Governor Smith and Human Services Commissioner Piper will hold a town hall meeting on the "MinnesotaCare Buy-In" proposal. The plan would allow Minnesotans who purchase their health coverage on the individual market to buy-into MinnesotaCare – a program that offers high-quality insurance at more affordable prices.	[News Release]
10/25/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 17-10 to Assist with Hurricane Recovery in Puerto Rico**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-10, directing a medical evacuation team from the Minnesota National Guard to assist with hurricane response and relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Governor Dayton's Executive Order approves a request for assistance from the Minnesota National Guard through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).	[News Release] [Executive Order] [Emergency Management Assistance Compact]
10/25/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Cass and Crow Wing Counties**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $381,552 in total relief for Cass and Crow Wing counties. The funding will come from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. Severe thunderstorms and	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]

		damaging winds on September 20, 2017, caused significant damage to electric cooperative powerlines and poles, as well as tree damage.	
10/26/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on the Opioid Epidemic in Minnesota**	President Trump declares the opioid epidemic a Nationwide Public Health Emergency. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements concerning efforts to address opioid abuse in Minnesota.	[News Release]
10/30/17	**Governor Dayton Urges President, Republicans to Abandon Proposal that Would Eliminate Tax Deduction for 900,000 Minnesota Families**	Governor Dayton calls on President Trump and Republican members of Congress to abandon their tax proposal which would eliminate on an average a $12,000 tax deduction for 900,000 primarily middle-class Minnesota families. These tax deductions provide hard-working Minnesota families about $12 billion in tax benefits every year.	[News Release]
10/30/17	**Lt. Governor Tina Smith, Commissioner Emily Piper Hold Town Hall Meeting in Duluth on MinnesotaCare Buy-In Proposal**	Lt. Governor Smith and Human Services Commissioner Piper hold a town hall meeting on the proposed "MinnesotaCare Buy-In." The proposal would allow all Minnesotans who purchase health coverage on the individual market to buy-into MinnesotaCare – a program that offers high-quality insurance at more affordable prices.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: MinnesotaCare Buy-In] [MYTH VS. FACT: MinnesotaCare Buy-In] [FAQ: MinnesotaCare Buy-In]
10/30/17	**Governor Dayton Thanks Minnesota Farmers for Work to Protect Water Quality under Statewide, Bipartisan Effort**	Minnesota is now at least 95 percent compliant with the statewide water quality effort. Governor Dayton thanks Minnesota farmers for taking advantage of the bipartisan law's flexibility and additional funding to participate fully in the statewide effort to improve water quality and wildlife habitat across Minnesota.	[News Release] [MAP: Bipartisan Water Quality Effort] [GRAPHIC: Water Quality Buffers]
11/1/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Commissioner Piper to Hold Town Hall Meeting in St. Cloud on MinnesotaCare Buy-In Proposal**	Lt. Governor Smith and Human Services Commissioner Piper will hold a town hall meeting on the "MinnesotaCare Buy-In" proposal at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. The plan would allow Minnesotans who purchase their health coverage on the individual market to buy-into MinnesotaCare – a program that offers high-quality insurance at more affordable prices.	[News Release]
11/1/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 17-11**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 17-11, delivering emergency relief from regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes, section 221.0314, subdivision 9,	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]

		pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts.	
11/1/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Legislature's Recent Filing in Ramsey County District Court**	Governor Dayton's attorneys, Sam Hanson and Kristyn Anderson, submit a memorandum in Ramsey County District Court. The memorandum requests a stay of enforcement in the District Court's judgement, pending a final decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court.	[News Release]
11/2/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims November "Veterans and Service Members Appreciation" Month**	In honor of the brave men and women who have fought for our country, Governor Dayton proclaims November to be "Veterans and Service Members Appreciation" month. Currently, there are more than 353,000 veterans and service members living in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
11/3/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper Announce $16.6 million in Grants to Address Opioid Crisis**	Lt. Governor Smith and Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner Piper visit Wayside Recovery Center in St. Louis Park to announce $16.6 million in grants to combat the state's opioid crisis.	[News Release]
11/3/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Redwood and Renville Counties**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $140,850 in total relief for Redwood and Renville counties. The funding will come from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. Severe thunderstorms and flooding on October 2, 2017, caused significant damage to a section of regional railway, county agricultural drainage systems, and county parks.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
11/6/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Commissioner Emily Piper Hold Town Hall Meeting in St Cloud on MinnesotaCare Buy-In Proposal**	Lt. Governor Smith and Human Services Commissioner Piper hold a town hall meeting on the proposed "MinnesotaCare Buy-In." The proposal would allow all Minnesotans who purchase health coverage on the individual market to buy-into MinnesotaCare – a program that offers high-quality insurance at more affordable prices.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: MinnesotaCare Buy-In] [MYTH VS. FACT: MinnesotaCare Buy-In] [FAQ: MinnesotaCare Buy-In]
11/6/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Sutherland Springs, Texas**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota. As directed by the President, flags will be flown at half-staff beginning immediately, until sunset on Thursday, November 9, 2017, as a mark of respect for the	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Trump's Proclamation]

		victims of the terrible act of violence in Sutherland Springs, Texas.	
11/7/17	**Governor Dayton Invites All Minnesotans to Apply for State Boards, Councils, and Committees**	Governor Dayton encourages all Minnesotans to apply for appointment to one of over 200 openings on Minnesota boards, councils, and commissions. These bodies draw upon the expertise of Minnesotans to help build a better Minnesota that works for everyone.	[News Release]
11/9/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Urge Senator Dan Schoen to Resign from the Minnesota Legislature**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith issue the following statements urging State Senator Dan Schoen to resign from the Minnesota Legislature.	[News Release]
11/9/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Commissioner Piper to Hold Town Hall Meetings in Worthington and White Bear Lake on MinnesotaCare Buy-In Proposal**	Lt. Governor Smith and Human Services Commissioner Piper will hold town hall meetings in Worthington on November 16, 2017, and White Bear Lake on November 17, 2017, on the "MinnesotaCare Buy-In" proposal. The plan would allow Minnesotans who purchase their health coverage on the individual market to buy-into MinnesotaCare – a program that offers high-quality insurance at more affordable prices.	[News Release]
11/14/17	**Governor Dayton, Lt. Governor Smith, and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota Release Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota's Blueprint for Action**	The Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota releases an action plan aimed at improving the lives of girls and young women in Minnesota, ages 12 to 24. The Initiative's Blueprint for Action offers 20 key recommendations to achieve equity in outcomes, access to equal opportunity, and ensure safe, prosperous lives for all young women in the state.	[News Release] [Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota] [YWIM's Blueprint for Action]
11/15/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Minnesota's Bid for the World's Fair**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding Minnesota's Bid for the World's Fair.	[News Release]
11/16/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Supreme Court Ruling**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the Supreme Court's ruling regarding usage of the line-item veto.	[News Release]
11/17/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Jessica Looman to Serve as Commerce Commissioner**	Governor Dayton appoints Jessica Looman to serve as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Beginning Friday, November 17, Commissioner Looman will succeed Commissioner Mike Rothman, who announced today his plans to step down after seven years of service.	[News Release] [Headshot] [FACT SHEET: Commissioner Looman]

11/17/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Kick Off Thanksgiving Week**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith kick off Thanksgiving Week and are joined by Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Turkey Research and Promotion Council President Kim Halvorson, and Colleen Moriarty of Hunger Solutions Minnesota.	[News Release]
11/20/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Joanna Dornfeld to Serve as Chief of Staff**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith announce that Joanna Dornfeld will serve as their new Chief of Staff. Ms. Dornfeld, who currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, will replace outgoing Chief of Staff Jaime Tincher. Ms. Tincher today was appointed by Mayor-Elect Melvin Carter to serve as Deputy Mayor for the City of Saint Paul.	[News Release] [PHOTO: Jaime Tincher] [PHOTO: Joanna Dornfeld]
11/20/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces "Free Park Friday" in Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith announces "Free Park Friday" in Minnesota highlighting that entrance fees to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas will be waived on Friday, November 24, 2017. Lt. Governor Smith encourages all Minnesotans to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends on the day after Thanksgiving.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
11/21/17	**Lt. Governor Smith, Department of Employment and Economic Development Announce $26 Million for 39 Broadband Projects Across Greater Minnesota**	Lt. Governor Smith and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) today announced the 2017 Border-to-Border Broadband Grant recipients. The grants total $26 million for 39 broadband infrastructure projects that will provide 9,973 households, 2,169 businesses, and 60 community institutions across Minnesota access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet.	[News Release] [Broadband Grant Program] [Governor's Task Force on Broadband Development 2016 Report]
11/21/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith Take Action to Conserve Energy, Reduce Waste Across State Government**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-12, directing state agencies to reduce waste, conserve energy, and save money across state government. The Executive Order establishes aggressive sustainability goals for all Minnesota state agencies.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
11/22/17	**More Than 50,000 Minnesota Families Set to Save Over $7,200 on Health Care Next Year through MNsure**	Governor Dayton and MNsure CEO Allison O'Toole release new numbers showing that more than 50,000 Minnesotans have already signed up during this open enrollment period to receive tax credits for health care next year. These tax credits average over $7,200 per year for Minnesota families, and are only available	[News Release]

		through MNsure. Overall more than 100,000 Minnesotans have enrolled in private health care coverage through MNsure for 2018, so far.	
11/22/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Proclaims December 9, 2017 to be "Nordic Ski Opener Day" in Minnesota**	Joined by families and Nordic skiing enthusiasts at Elm Creek Winter Recreation Area, Lt. Governor Smith proclaims Saturday, December 9, 2017 to be "Nordic Ski Opener Day", celebrating the start of the cross-country skiing season in Minnesota.	[News Release]
11/27/17	**Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith honor Attorney General Warren Spannaus**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements on the passing of former Minnesota Attorney General Warren Spannaus, who served three terms between 1971 and 1983.	[News Release]
11/27/17	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for St. Louis County**	Governor Dayton authorizes up to an estimated $2,126,130 in relief for St. Louis County from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account. The county experienced significant damage to public property caused by a major winter storm with heavy snow and gale force winds on October 27, 2017.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
11/29/17	**Lt. Governor Smith and Community Advocates Urge Congress to Support Passage of the Dream Act**	Lt. Governor Smith, State Senator Melisa Franzen, and community advocates urged the United States Congress to support the passage of the Dream Act before the end of the year. Without Congressional action, more than 800,000 individuals brought to this country as children will lose their legal status on March 5, 2018.	[News Release] [DACA Recipients]
11/30/17	**Governor Dayton and AARP Minnesota Announce New Work Group on the Health and Safety of Minnesota Seniors**	Governor Dayton and AARP Minnesota Director Will Philips announce a new work group to provide guidance on steps the state should take to improve the health and safety of Minnesota seniors who are cared for in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The new, independent work group will be led and convened by the AARP, in conjunction with other organizations serving Minnesota seniors, and will provide its recommendations to state leaders ahead of the 2018 Legislative Session.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter to Director Philips]
12/1/17	**Lt. Governor Smith Announces New State Guidelines to Cut Risk of Opioid Addiction**	Joined by health care providers and state health experts, Lt. Governor Smith announces new guidelines designed to cut the risk of opioid addiction. The new guidelines were	[News Release] [Opioid Draft Guidelines]

		developed by a work group made up of health care providers and community partners, and will help doctors and other health care providers decide when to prescribe these powerful pain killers, how much to prescribe, and how to monitor their use.	
12/4/17	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Cancer Screen Week" in Minnesota**	Joined by cancer survivors and advocates, Governor Dayton proclaims the week of December 2 – 9, 2017 as "Cancer Screen Week" in the State of Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation encourages all Minnesotans to talk to their health care providers about cancer risk factors and recommended screening options.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Sage Screening Programs]
12/4/17	**Celebrate the Holiday Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence**	The Holiday Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence will kick-off on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The Residence will be open for two daytime public tours on Tuesday, December 5th and Tuesday, December 19th.	[News Release]
12/5/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on November 2017 State Budget Forecast**	Minnesota Management and Budget releases the State of Minnesota November Budget and Economic Forecast, showing a $188 million projected deficit in the fiscal year 2018-2019 biennium.	[News Release] [AUDIO: Governor Dayton's Remarks]
12/5/17	**Governor Dayton Calls Special Election**	Governor Dayton today issues two writs of special election, to fill vacancies in the Minnesota Legislature. A special election to fill these vacancies will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018.	[News Release] [Writ of Special Election: House District 23B] [Writ of Special Election: Senate District 54]
12/7/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on the Resignation of Senator Al Franken**	Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith release statements regarding U.S. Senator Al Franken's announcement that he plans to resign his seat in the United States Senate.	[News Release]
12/8/17	**State of Minnesota and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reach Agreement Resolving Outstanding Fish and Wildlife Issues Related to 1854 Treaty**	Governor Dayton and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Chairman Kevin Dupuis announce that the State of Minnesota and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa have formalized an agreement to manage the Band's fishing, hunting and gathering rights in areas of northern Minnesota that were established in an 1854 Treaty.	[News Release] [Memorandum of Understanding] [1854 Treaty]

12/11/17	**Minnesota Named Best-Run State in the Nation in New Study**	Minnesota is the best-run state in the nation, according to a new study from USA Today that cites Minnesota's strong fiscal management, low unemployment and poverty rates, above-average median household income, and the state's nearly perfect credit rating. Since ranking tenth in 2012, Minnesota has consistently climbed in the rankings under the same study, including ranking second last year.	[News Release] [USA Today Study]
12/13/17	**Governor Dayton Appoints Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to Serve as United States Senator**	Governor Dayton announces he will appoint Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to serve as United States Senator for Minnesota. Smith will be appointed to serve a one-year term in the Senate, concluding in January 2019. Minnesotans will choose a U.S. Senator to serve the remainder of the term being vacated by Senator Al Franken in a Special Election, which will be held concurrently with the 2018 General Election on November 6, 2018.	[News Release] [PHOTO: Lt. Governor Smith] [Lt. Governor Smith's Statement] [FACT SHEET: Tina Smith: A Strong Leader for Minnesota] [FACT SHEET: Appointments and Succession for the Lt. Governor] [Governor Dayton's Statement] [VIDEO: Press Conference]
12/13/17	**Minnesotans Respond to Governor Dayton's Choice of Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to Serve as United States Senator**	Governor Dayton announces that he will appoint Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to serve as United States Senator for Minnesota. Smith will be appointed to serve a one-year term in the Senate, concluding in January 2019. After the announcement, Minnesotans responded by favorably – citing Tina's experience and progressive values.	[News Release]
12/15/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Meeting with Senator Fischbach**	Governor Dayton and Senate President Michelle Fischbach meet for lunch at the Governor's Residence.	[News Release]
12/15/17	**Minnesotans Praise Governor Dayton's Decision to Appoint Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to Serve as United States Senator**	Since Governor Dayton made the announcement of appointing Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith to serve as United States Senator for Minnesota, Minnesotans have praised the decision, citing Tina's experience and values. More Minnesotans express their support for the appointment of Tina Smith to the United States Senate.	[News Release]

12/19/17	**Dr. Ed Ehlinger Resigns as Commissioner of Health**	Dr. Ed Ehlinger announces he will resign his position as Commissioner of Health, effective at the close of business Tuesday, December 19th. Commissioner Ehlinger has served the people of Minnesota at the Health Department since January 2011. Health Department Deputy Commissioner Dan Pollock will serve as acting Commissioner beginning today.	[News Release]
12/19/17	**Statements from Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith on Albert Lea Hospital Labor Dispute**	Governor Dayton and Lieutenant Governor Smith release statements in response to the ongoing labor dispute at the Mayo Clinic hospital in Albert Lea.	[News Release]
12/21/17	**Governor Dayton Establishes New Task Force on Affordable Housing**	Joined by affordable housing advocates and community stakeholders, Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-14, creating the Governor's Task Force on Housing. The nonpartisan task force, comprised of experts and advocates from across Minnesota, will develop solutions to alleviate Minnesota's housing challenge, and connect more Minnesota families with good places to live.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
12/21/17	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Mayer Fire Captain Jeffrey Allen Vollmer**	In honor and remembrance of Fire Captain Jeffrey Allen Vollmer, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Saturday, December 23, 2017.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
12/22/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Twin Metals**	On Friday, December 22, 2017, the U.S. Department of the Interior released a memorandum reversing the Department's decision on mineral leases for Twin Metals Minnesota near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).	[News Release] [U.S. Department of the Interior Memorandum]
12/23/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 17-15, Providing Assistance to Clay County**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 17-15, directing the Minnesota National Guard to provide assistance and emergency relief services to Clay County. Dangerously cold weather conditions forecasted for the coming week are expected to create a need for emergency shelter space and other assistance for traveling motorists and area residents.	[News Release] [Executive Order]

12/28/17	**New year, new minimum-wage rate as of Jan. 1, 2018**	Minnesota's minimum-wage rates will be adjusted for inflation beginning Jan. 1, 2018, to $9.65 an hour for large employers and $7.87 an hour for other state minimum wages. An estimated 250,000 hourly workers in Minnesota will earn less than $9.65 an hour.	[News Release] [Labor Standards: Minnesota's Minimum Wage]
12/29/17	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 17-16**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 17-16 to deliver emergency relief from regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order 17-16]
1/2/18	**United States Senate Appointment and Lieutenant Governor Transition**	Tina Smith submits a letter to Governor Dayton, formally resigning the Office of Lieutenant Governor. Tina Smith's letter of resignation will take effect at midnight on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.	[News Release] [Tina Smith's Letter of Resignation] [Governor Dayton's Letter of Senate Appointment to the President of the United States]
1/4/18	**Minnesota Children's Cabinet to Expand Focus to Include Early Childhood Workforce Development and Housing for Children and Families**	Following its success expanding access to early learning opportunities, home visiting, and the Help Me Grow system, Governor Dayton's Minnesota Children's Cabinet announces two additional focuses: early childhood workforce development and access to housing for children and their families.	[News Release]
1/8/18	**Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Announces 2018 Service and Celebration Activities**	On Monday, January 15, 2018, the Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday will host the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul. The event will include remarks from Governor Dayton, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, and Rep. Ilhan Omar.	[News Release] [2018 Governor's Council on the MLK Day Celebration]
1/8/18	**Minnesota Named Second Best State to Raise a Family**	Minnesota is the second best state in the nation to raise a family, according to a new study from WalletHub. The new study ranked all 50 states across 42 factors, with Minnesota scoring especially high on measures of median family income and poverty, health and safety, and high-quality schools and child care.	[News Release] [WalletHub Study]
1/9/18	**Governor Dayton, DEED Announce Additional $519,000 in Grants for Minnesota Child Care Program**	Governor Dayton and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) announces $519,000 in additional funding for the Minnesota Child Care Grant program.	[News Release] [DEED Report]

		The grant program is designed to increase the supply of quality child care providers in communities statewide.	
1/9/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 18-02**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 18-02 to authorize the Minnesota National Guard to assist in efforts to protect Minnesotans, local businesses, and visitors during Super Bowl LII.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
1/10/18	**Governor Dayton Declares "MNsure Enrollment Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton declares "MNsure Enrollment Day" in Minnesota, with five days remaining to enroll in health care coverage for 2018 through MNsure. Already, more than 111,600 Minnesotans have successfully enrolled in private health coverage for 2018 through MNsure. Over 66,000 families have saved an average of more than $7,000 per year through tax credits that are only available with MNsure.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/10/18	**I-35W Bridge to glow purple Friday, Saturday nights**	Governor Dayton directs the state Department of Transportation to light the Interstate 35W Bridge purple Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 12-13, in honor of the Minnesota Vikings football team. The Vikings will play the New Orleans Saints in a National Football Conference semi-final game Sunday afternoon.	[News Release]
1/11/18	**Governor Dayton, Metropolitan Council announce more than $10 million in grants to stimulate economic development, expand affordable housing opportunities and leverage hundreds of millions in outside investment**	The Metropolitan Council approves more than $10 million in Livable Communities grants to Twin Cities metro area communities for brownfield clean up and mixed-use and innovative development that connects Minnesotans with jobs, school, transit, and other services and destinations.	[News Release]
1/11/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "#ScarvesUpMN Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims "#ScarvesUpMN Day" in the State of Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation comes as Minnesota United FC launches a new campaign to ignite passion for soccer in Minnesota, where more than 70,000 kids enjoy the game. Minnesota United FC will open their 2018 Major League Soccer season this March.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
1/13/18	**Governor Dayton honors Sarah Janecek**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the passing of longtime political analyst Sarah Janecek: "Sarah was a	[News Release]

		dear friend to so many of us, who traveled together on Minnesota's political paths. We will miss her keen insights and wonderful wit."	
1/16/18	**Governor Dayton's Public Works Proposal Would Create an Estimated 22,950 Jobs**	Governor Dayton introduces a $1.5 billion public works proposal that would make urgently-needed investments to build world-class colleges and universities for Minnesotans, and improve and repair state buildings and other critical infrastructure across the state.	[News Release] [SNAPSHOT: Investing in Infrastructure Across Minnesota] [PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Governor's Budget Recommendations] [SNAPSHOT: Local Requested Projects] [FACT SHEET: Investing in World Class Colleges and Universities] [FACT SHEET: Improving and Repairing State Buildings] [FACT SHEET: Investing in Clean, Affordable Water for Minnesotans] [FACT SHEET: Building Strong Communities]
1/16/18	**Minnesota Responds to Governor Dayton's 2018 Public Works Bill**	Governor Dayton releases his 2018 public works bill that would make urgently-needed investments to build world-class colleges and universities for Minnesotans, and improve and repair state buildings and other critical infrastructure across the state. Here is what Minnesotans had to say about the public works bill after the announcement.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's 2018 Public Works Bill]
1/17/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Record MNsure Enrollment**	MNsure announces that a record number of Minnesotans in the individual market signed up for health coverage through MNsure during open enrollment, breaking the previous year's record of 114,810. Despite an open enrollment period three weeks shorter than 2017 and significant challenges stemming from the federal level, MNsure enrolled more Minnesotans than ever. Thirty percent of MNsure enrollees were new this year.	[News Release]
1/18/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Today's Jobs Report**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) releases its latest monthly jobs report, which shows Minnesota's statewide unemployment	[News Release] [DEED Release]

		rate of 3.1 percent marks a 17-year low, down from 6.9 percent in January 2011. It also notes that that the 12-month average unemployment rate among black Minnesotans is the lowest ever recorded, at 7.5 percent, down from 23.5 percent in 2011.	
1/18/18	**Fargo-Moorhead Task Force Releases Final Report**	The Fargo-Moorhead Area Flood Diversion Task Force issues its final report to the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority.	[News Release] [Fargo-Moorhead Area Flood Diversion Task Force Report]
1/19/18	**Minnesota Governor Dayton, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf Make Wager on Upcoming Vikings-Eagles Playoff Game**	Minnesota Governor Dayton and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announce a friendly wager over this weekend's NFC Championship Game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Philadelphia Eagles. Governor Wolf has wagered 5 pounds of Tastykake Butterscotch Krimpets if the Vikings win, and Governor Dayton has wagered a 5-pound Pearson's Salted Nut Roll if the Eagles win.	[News Release] [Pearson's Salted Nut Roll]
1/19/18	**Minnesota Joins National Effort to Reduce Traffic Injuries and Deaths**	Governor Dayton announces the State of Minnesota has been selected to participate in a nationwide effort that will help keep Minnesotans safer on the road. The effort, led by the National Governors Association (NGA), aims to improve traffic safety and reduce fatalities and injuries by increasing access to accident-related data for state agencies and first responders.	[News Release] [Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths]
1/22/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 18-03, Providing Assistance to Stranded Motorists**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 18-03 to provide assistance and emergency relief services to motorists. Heavy snow and strong winds have created dangerous driving conditions.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
1/24/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Brigadier General Johanna Clyborne to Serve as Minnesota IT Services Commissioner**	Governor Dayton announces he has appointed Brigadier General Johanna Clyborne – Director of the Joint Staff for the Minnesota National Guard, and founding partner of the law firm Brekke, Clyborne & Ribich L.L.C. – to serve as Commissioner of Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) and Chief Information Officer (CIO). General Clyborne will succeed Commissioner Tom Baden, who recently announced his retirement from state government.	[News Release] [PHOTO: General Clyborne]
1/24/18	**Minnesotans Respond to Governor Dayton's Appointment of**	Governor Dayton appoints Brigadier General Johanna Clyborne to serve as the next commissioner of Minnesota	[News Release]

	Brigadier General Johanna Clyborne to Serve as MN.IT Services Commissioner	IT Services. Read what Minnesotans are saying about Governor Dayton's appointment below.	
1/26/18	**U.S. Forest Service Action on Land Near Boundary Waters**	Governor Dayton releases a statement in response to the U.S. Forest Service's announcement that it is terminating the Environmental Impact Statement process that has been underway for the past year, in relation to public lands near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.	[News Release]
1/26/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Sexual Harassment Report**	Governor Dayton responds to Minnesota Management and Budget's new report on sexual harassment prevention policy and procedures within the executive branch of Minnesota's state government workforce.	[News Release] [Minnesota Management and Budget Release]
1/29/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Super Bowl Week" in Minnesota**	With thousands of visitors from around the country expected to visit Minnesota, Governor Dayton proclaims January 29 through February 4 to be "Super Bowl Week" in Minnesota. Governor Dayton's proclamation celebrates a week of festivities culminating with Super Bowl LII at U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday, February 4, 2018.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [Super Bowl LII Site]
1/29/18	**Governor Dayton Appointed as Vice Chair of Governors' Biofuels Coalition**	Iowa Governor, Kim Reynolds, and Minnesota Governor, Mark Dayton, are appointed as chair and vice chair respectively of the Governors' Biofuels Coalition, a multi-state alliance aimed at providing regional leadership on biofuels policy.	[News Release]
1/29/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on AARP Minnesota Report on Health and Safety of Minnesota Seniors**	AARP Minnesota releases their final recommendations on steps the state should take to improve the health and safety of Minnesota seniors who are cared for in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.	[News Release] [AARP Elder Abuse Report]
1/30/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Jan Malcolm to Serve as Health Commissioner**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Jan Malcolm to serve as Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Malcolm is a public health expert with significant management experience in both the public and non-profit sectors.	[News Release] [Photo: Commissioner Malcolm]
1/30/18	**Minnesota Named Second Strongest State in America**	Ahead of tonight's State of the Union Address, POLITICO releases a new report naming Minnesota the 2nd-Strongest State in the Union. This is the fourth time Minnesota has ranked	[News Release] [POLITICO Report]

		among the top two strongest states in the nation in the POLITICO study.	
1/30/18	**Minnesotans Respond to Governor Dayton's Appointment of Jan Malcolm to Serve as Commissioner of Health**	Governor Dayton appoints Jan Malcolm to serve as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health. Read what Minnesotans are saying about Governor Dayton's appointment below.	[News Release]
1/30/18	**Governor Dayton Announces Upcoming Vacancy on Minnesota Supreme Court**	Governor Dayton announces the commencement of a process to fill a vacancy on the Minnesota Supreme Court, created upon the United States Senate's confirmation of the appointment of Associate Justice David R. Stras to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.	[News Release]
1/31/17	**Four Greater Minnesota Cities Awarded Infrastructure Grants**	Grants totaling $5.24 million are approved by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for infrastructure projects in four Greater Minnesota communities.	[News Release]
1/31/17	**Statement from Governor Dayton on MNLARS Roadmap**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following Minnesota IT Services and the Department of Public Safety's announcement of a new project roadmap for MNLARS, to address urgent system shortcomings and strengthen the system for the future.	[News Release] [MNLARS Roadmap]
2/1/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Black History Month in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims February to be Black History Month in the State of Minnesota. While African-American history should be studied throughout the year, Black History Month provides a special opportunity to focus on the unique experiences and contributions of African Americans in our state, and our country.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/1/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Immortal Four Chaplains Day**	In observance of the 75th Anniversary of the tragic sinking of the United States Army transport Dorchester off the coast of Greenland, Governor Dayton directs all U.S. Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, February 3, 2018.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/6/18	**Caisson Interventional Expanding in Maple Grove**	Medical device firm Caisson Interventional LLC plans to expand its Maple Grove facilities by 30,000 square foot and add 50 jobs. Owned by London-based LivaNova PLC, the company will invest $750,000 in the building expansion. The new jobs will	[News Release]

		be created within three years and pay wages averaging $32.71 an hour.	
2/7/18	**Stars Hollow Co. Opening Cambridge Aquaponics Facility**	Aquaponics startup Stars Hollow Co. will create 156 jobs and invest nearly $12.3 million to build a new facility in Cambridge.	[News Release]
2/8/18	**Minnesota Department of Transportation saved taxpayers $83 million in 2017**	Reflecting the agency's commitment to maximizing value for Minnesotans, a new report finds that the Minnesota Department of Transportation saved $83 million in 2017 from new and revised practices in its construction program delivery and project development.	[News Release]
2/8/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Minnesota Winter Olympians Day"**	Governor Dayton recognizes the 20 Minnesota athletes competing in the 2018 South Korean Winter Olympic Games. Governor Dayton issues a proclamation declaring February 8, 2018, to be "Minnesota Winter Olympians Day" throughout the state, and calls on all Minnesotans to support our athletes at the Winter Games.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/13/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor and Remembrance of Colonel Leo Thorsness**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the state of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in honor and remembrance of Colonel Leo Thorsness.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
2/14/18	**Governor Dayton Releases New Report on Minnesota's Opioid Crisis, Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Curb Opioid Abuse and Save Lives**	Joined by a bipartisan coalition of legislators, Governor Dayton announces a slate of legislative proposals that would combat the opioid crisis and save lives across Minnesota.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Governor Dayton's Proposals] [FACT SHEET: Penny a Pill] [FACT SHEET: Past Action Taken on Opioids] [REPORT: Minnesota's Opioid Action Plan] [MAP: Opioid-related Overdose Deaths]
2/15/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Parkland, Florida**	In accordance with a proclamation issued by President Trump, Governor Dayton directs all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota. As directed by the President's proclamation, flags will be flown at half-staff beginning immediately, until sunset on Monday, February 19, 2018,	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Trump's Proclamation]

		as a mark of respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence in Parkland, Florida.	
2/20/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Minnesota's Uninsured Rate**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the Minnesota Department of Health's report that Minnesota's uninsured rate rose from 4.3 percent in 2015 to 6.3 percent in 2017, leaving approximately 349,000 Minnesotans without coverage.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Health Release]
2/20/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on 3M Settlement**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on Attorney General Lori Swanson's announcement that the State of Minnesota has reached a settlement with 3M Company.	[News Release]
2/21/18	**Governor Dayton Releases New Water Quality Report, Urges Investments to Ensure Clean, Affordable Water for Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton releases a new report summarizing key findings from ten Water Quality Town Hall meetings held last year with Minnesotans across the state. The report, which summarizes more than 3,500 suggestions from more than 2,000 meeting attendees, recommends strategies to boost water quality education efforts, empower local action and collaboration, and increase investments in local clean water infrastructure, among other ideas.	[News Release] [REPORT: 25x25 Goal]
2/22/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on School Safety and Gun Violence**	During a news conference at the Minnesota State Capitol, Governor Dayton is asked by reporters for his thoughts on school safety, gun violence, and the actions of students and concerned parents in Minnesota who are marching to end gun violence.	[News Release] [AUDIO: Press Conference]
2/26/18	**Governor Dayton Signs Legislative Budget Bill into Law**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 100, HF 399 into law. This bill provides budget funding for the Minnesota Senate and House, and reimburses funding to the Legislative Coordinating Commission.	[News Release]
2/27/18	**Minnesota Named #2 Best State in the Nation According to New Study from U.S. News and World Report**	Citing quality of life and opportunities available in Minnesota, U.S. News and World Report releases a new study naming Minnesota the #2 Best State in the Nation.	[News Release] [U.S. News and World Report Study]
2/27/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on 2017 Minnesota High School Graduation Rate**	The Minnesota Department of Education releases new high school graduation rate data, which show that the Class of 2017 posted the highest graduation rate on record at 82.7 percent.	[News Release] [Minnesota Department of Education Release]
2/28/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day"**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, February 28, 2018, to be	[News Release] [Proclamation] [MNAPT]

		"School Bus Driver Appreciation Day" in the State of Minnesota.	
2/28/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on February 2018 State Budget Forecast**	Minnesota Management and Budget releases the State of Minnesota February Budget and Economic Forecast, showing a $329 million projected surplus for the fiscal year 2018-2019 biennium.	[News Release] [February 2018 Budget and Economic Forecast] [AUDIO: Governor Dayton Forecast Announcement]
3/1/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Opioid Awareness Day**	Governor Dayton releases a statement acknowledging Opioid Awareness Day.	[News Release]
3/1/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Passage of MinnesotaCare Buy-In to Give Minnesotans Another, More Affordable Choice for Health Insurance**	Governor Dayton urges state legislators to support and pass a "MinnesotaCare Buy-In" option this session. The proposal would allow all Minnesotans the choice to purchase their health insurance through MinnesotaCare – a state program that for 26 years has provided some eligible working Minnesota families a more affordable choice to purchase their health care.	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: MinnesotaCare Buy In] [MYTH VS. FACT: MinnesotaCare Buy-In] [FAQ: MinnesotaCare Buy-In]
3/1/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard**	A new report released by Bloomberg New Energy Finance shows that 25 percent of Minnesota's energy now comes from renewable sources, meeting Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard seven years ahead of schedule.	[News Release] [REPORT: Bloomberg New Energy Finance]
3/2/18	**PFA Approves $35.5 Million for Projects in Three Cities**	The Minnesota Public Facility Authority (PFA) approves grants and loans totaling more than $35.5 million for sewer and water projects in three west central Minnesota cities. Funding was allocated for projects in Detroit Lakes, Osakis and Wheaton.	[News Release]
3/6/18	**Governor Dayton Proposes Groundwater Protection Measure to Reduce Elevated Nitrate Levels in Drinking Water**	Following 17 public meetings that engaged over 1,500 farmers, landowners, and other Minnesotans in conversations across the state, Governor Dayton and Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson propose a new groundwater protection measure.	[News Release]
3/6/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Paul D. Williams and Dana L. Bailey to the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board**	Governor Dayton appoints Paul D. Williams and Dana L. Bailey to serve on the Destination Medical Center Corporation (DMCC) Board. The Destination Medical Center (DMC) initiative is the largest public-private partnership in Minnesota history.	[News Release] [PHOTO: Paul D. Williams] [PHOTO: Dana L. Bailey] [Destination Medical Center]
3/7/18	**Governor Dayton Proposes Safe and Secure Schools Act to**	Governor Dayton announces his proposed Safe and Secure Schools Act, which would provide $15.9 million in	[News Release]

	Protect Kids, Reduce Gun Violence, and Save Lives	needed revenue to enhance safety for students, teachers, parents, and staff at schools throughout Minnesota.	
3/7/18	**MnDOT announces governor's executive order to create automated and connected vehicles advisory council**	Governor Dayton issues an executive order to establish a 15-member advisory council to study the opportunities that widespread adoption of automated and connected vehicles could bring to Minnesota.	[News Release]
3/8/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Protect Access to Contraception Act**	Minnesota Legislators and supporters announce the Protect Access to Contraception (PAC) Act, to ensure insurance coverage for all FDA-approved contraceptives without cost to the patient.	[News Release] [Planned Parenthood Release]
3/9/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 18-05**	Governor Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 18-05, which provides temporary relief from seasonal load restrictions in portions of southern Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to vehicles used to pump or transport septic sewage.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order]
3/13/18	**Governor Dayton Announces Bipartisan Plan to Protect the Health and Safety of Seniors and Vulnerable Adults in Minnesota**	Based on the recommendations of an independent work group convened by AARP Minnesota and a recent report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA), Governor Dayton is joined by legislators and advocates to announce a broad set of reforms and investments to hold providers guilty of abuse accountable and protect the health, safety, and dignity of seniors and vulnerable adults.	[News Release] [REPORT: Office of the Legislative Auditor]
3/13/18	**Governor Dayton to Deliver State of the State Address on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00pm**	At 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Governor Dayton will deliver his annual State of the State Address at the Minnesota State Capitol House Chamber.	[News Release]
3/14/18	**Remarks of Governor Dayton as Prepared for Delivery State of the State Address**	Governor Dayton's remarks as prepared for delivery are publically released.	[News Release]
3/14/18	**Remarks of Governor Dayton as Delivered: State of the State Address**	Governor Dayton's remarks as delivered are made publically available.	[News Release]
3/16/18	**Governor Dayton's Budget for a Better Minnesota and Tax Cuts for Over 2 Million Minnesotans**	Governor Dayton releases his Budget for a Better Minnesota, and his plan to cut taxes for over 2 million Minnesotans and their families. Governor Dayton's supplemental budget would make needed investments in better educations for our students, and better infrastructure	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Governor Dayton's Budget for a Better Minnesota] [FACT SHEET: Tax Cuts for Over 2 Million Minnesotans]

		for a strong and growing economy. It would give all Minnesotans the choice to purchase better, more affordable health insurance, and deliver tax cuts for hard working individuals and families all over the state – improving family budgets without risking the long-term stability of our state's budget. The Governor's budget would do all this and more, while leaving $123 million on the bottom line.	[FACT SHEET: Better Infrastructure for a Strong and Growing Economy] [FACT SHEET: Better Incomes and Economies Opportunities] [FACT SHEET: Better, More Affordable Health Care] [FACT SHEET: Excellent Educations for Minnesota Students] [FACT SHEET: Better Early Learning Opportunities for Minnesota Students] [FACT SHEET: A Better Place to Live for All of Us] [FACT SHEET: A Fair and Balanced Budget] [FACT SHEET: Better, More Secure Technology for Minnesotans] [CHART: Fiscal Impacts Summary] [DESCRIPTION: Budget Provisions]
3/19/18	**PFA Approves $544,369 for Bird Island Project**	The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) approves $544,369 for water infrastructure improvements in Bird Island. The PFA awards the project a $355,200 grant from the Water Infrastructure Fund and a $189,169 loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. The 20-year, 1 percent loan will save the city $33,394 compared with what it would have paid for a conventional loan.	[News Release] [Water Infrastructure Fund] [Drinking Water Revolving Fund]
3/20/18	**C Line groundbreaking sets stage for opportunity**	Representatives from the Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis and City of Brooklyn Center grab their shovels to break ground on the region's second rapid bus line, the C Line.	[News Release] [VIDEO: Bus Rapid Transit – A Faster Ride]
3/22/18	**Governor Dayton Recognizes State Government Problem Solvers**	Three teams of state employees are honored with the Better Government Awards, which recognizes successful innovation in state government and the hardworking public servants	[News Release]

		delivering excellent service to Minnesotans.	
3/22/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on MNLARS Funding Transfer**	The Minnesota House and Senate approves a Conference Committee bill to transfer funds from an existing Driver and Vehicle Services account to support essential improvements to the Minnesota License and Registration System (MNLARS).	[News Release]
3/23/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Saturday "March for Our Lives Day"**	As thousands of Minnesota students, teachers, and parents prepare to march from Harriet Island to the Minnesota State Capitol, Governor Dayton proclaims Saturday, March 24, 2018 to be "March for Our Lives Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
3/23/18	**Governor Dayton Signs MNLARS Funding Transfer Into Law**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 101, SF 3133 into law. This bill approves the transfer of funds from an existing Driver and Vehicle Services account to support essential improvements to the Minnesota License and Registration System (MNLARS).	[News Release]
3/23/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on "Penny A Pill" Opioid Proposal**	Governor Dayton responds to reports that the bipartisan "Penny A Pill" proposal has been dropped from consideration by the Minnesota House of Representatives.	[News Release]
3/23/18	**Governor Dayton honors Former Minnesota First Lady Jane Freeman**	Governor Dayton issues a statement following the passing of former Minnesota First Lady Jane Freeman: "Jane Freeman was a wonderful First Lady, and an outstanding civic leader."	[News Release]
3/26/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Senate Approval of Employee Contracts and Pension Plans**	Governor Dayton responds to news that the Minnesota Senate voted to approve contracts and pension plans for state employees.	[News Release]
3/27/18	**Many Minnesota outdoor recreational facilities, buildings in disrepair**	As part of his 2018 Public Works bill, Governor Dayton is asking the Legislature to invest $130 million in urgently needed improvements to Department of Natural Resources' buildings and other infrastructure.	[News Release] [2018 Public Works Bill]
3/27/18	**Governor Dayton: Protect PreKindergarten Opportunities for 4,000 Minnesota Kids and their Families**	Governor Dayton calls on the Minnesota Legislature to protect preKindergarten programs from being eliminated for 4,000 students at more than 59 school districts and charter schools across the state. These schools stand to lose state funding unless the Legislature takes action to protect preKindergarten investments for Minnesota four-year-	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Excellent Educations for Minnesota Students] [FACT SHEET: Current PreK Funding] [MAP: PreK Funding for Minnesota Schools] [INTERACTIVE MAP: PreK Funding for Minnesota Schools]

		olds. Governor Dayton's Budget for a Better Minnesota would secure permanent preKindergarten funding for 59 school districts and charter schools, which were only provided temporary funding by the Legislature last session.	[AUDIO: PreK Press Conference]
3/27/18	**Governor Dayton Signs State Employee Contracts Into Law**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 102, SF 3154 into law. This bill approves contracts for state employees.	[News Release]
3/28/18	**Governor Dayton Proposes $30 Million Investment to Expand Access to Reliable, Affordable High-Speed Internet in Greater Minnesota**	Joined by advocates and Minnesotans who lack high-speed internet access, Governor Dayton urges the Minnesota Legislature to support and pass his proposal to invest $30 million in rural broadband internet infrastructure.	[News Release] [Border to Broadband Grant Program]
3/28/18	**How Some Minnesota Legislators Are Responding to Threat of Lost PreKindergarten Funding for 4,000 Kids and Their Families**	Governor Dayton urged the Minnesota Legislature to protect preKindergarten funding for 4,000 students at 59 school districts and charter schools across the state. These schools stand to lose state funding unless the Legislature takes action to continue preKindergarten investments for Minnesota four-year-olds.	[News Release]
3/29/18	**Governor Dayton to Host First-in-the-Nation Tribal Youth Gathering**	On Friday, July 27, 2018, Governor Dayton will host the 2018 Minnesota Tribal Youth Gathering at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. The first-in-the-nation state gathering will bring together Native American youth ages 14 to 24, tribal and state leaders, civic and business leaders, and educational organizations to focus on challenges facing Native American youth.	[News Release] [Center for Native American Youth] [Generation Indigenous Network] [RELEASE: Oṭokaheya Mnisota Woiṭaŋcaŋ Dayton Ṭeca Wiċayuonihaŋpi k'a Wiċayuwita Yuhapi Kte]
4/6/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Mapleton Firefighter Timothy Wayne Royce**	In honor and remembrance of Mapleton Firefighter Timothy Wayne Royce, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset, on Sunday, April 8, 2018.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/10/18	**Health Insurance Premiums Reduced for Nearly 118,000 Minnesotans in 2017**	Minnesota's Premium Assistance Program saved nearly 118,000 eligible Minnesotans and their families thousands of dollars on their health insurance premiums in 2017. As the one-year program comes to an end, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) releases a new report providing additional data about the number of Minnesotans who	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: MinnesotaCare Buy In]

		benefitted from the program, and how.	
4/12/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislature to Support Funding for Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Provide Landowner Incentive to Boost Forest Products Industry**	Governor Dayton calls on the Minnesota Legislature to support funding for several additional urgent budget priorities this session. His proposals, outlined this week in a letter to legislative leaders, would invest $969,000 in a grant program that would continue state support for the Suicide Prevention Lifeline in Minnesota. The Governor also is proposing an $8.72 million incentive program to increase timber harvesting on private lands and bolster Minnesota's forest products industry.	[News Release] [Letter]
4/12/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislature to Provide Urgently-Needed Funding for Minnesota Rural Finance Authority**	Governor Dayton urges the Minnesota Legislature to take immediate action to provide at least $35 million in additional funding for the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (RFA). The new funding would allow the Authority to continue offering eligible Minnesota farmers affordable financing and terms and conditions not offered by other traditional lenders.	[News Release] [Rural Finance Authority] [Commissioner Frederickson Letter]
4/12/18	**Governor Dayton proposes more than $19 million per year to help school districts meet rising special education costs**	Education Commissioner Cassellius emphasizes the urgent need for Governor Dayton's proposed special education funding plan today with Bruce Hentges, school board member for St. Cloud Area School District. The governor's plan would increase special education funding by $19 million for fiscal year 2019 and $22 million for 2020 to help districts cover the rising costs of special education services.	[News Release]
4/13/18	**Protolabs Investing $29.9 Million on Expansion in Brooklyn Park**	Custom manufacturer Protolabs Inc. invests $29.9 million to expand to a new site in Brooklyn Park. The Maple Plain-based company purchased a 152,000-square-foot building in Brooklyn Park and plans to add another 50,000 square feet to the structure. The investment also includes additional manufacturing equipment to support anticipated future growth.	[News Release]
4/13/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Minnesota Timberwolves Day" in the State of Minnesota**	As the Minnesota Timberwolves prepare to take on the Houston Rockets in the first round of the 2018 NBA Western Conference Playoffs, Governor Dayton proclaims Sunday, April 15, 2018 as "Minnesota	[News Release] [Proclamation]

		Timberwolves Day" in Minnesota. This is the first year the Timberwolves have made it to the playoffs since the 2003-2004 season.	
4/13/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 18-06, Providing Assistance to Stranded Motorists**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 18-06 to provide assistance and emergency relief services to stranded motorists. Heavy snow and strong winds have downed power lines in Rock County, and continued storm conditions are expected to create dangerous conditions for people travelling through the area.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order 18-06]
4/16/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Action to Curb Opioid Abuse and Save Lives**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to Republican Legislative Leaders in the Minnesota House and Senate, urging immediate action to address Minnesota's opioid crisis. The Governor's letter calls on the Legislature to support the bipartisan Opioid Stewardship Program, which would fund opioid abuse prevention and treatment strategies in every corner of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
4/17/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Paul Thissen to Serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court**	Governor Dayton announces his appointment of Paul Thissen to serve as the next Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Thissen will fill the vacancy created upon the United States Senate's confirmation of the appointment of Minnesota Supreme Court Justice David R. Stras to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.	[News Release] [PHOTO: Representative Thissen]
4/18/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Former First Lady Barbara Bush**	In honor and remembrance of former First Lady Barbara Bush, and in accordance with the proclamation issued by President Trump, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to immediately be flown at half-staff until sunset on the day of interment, at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release]
4/18/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "UMD Men's Hockey National Champions Day" in the State of Minnesota**	Alongside Coach Scott Sandelin, Athletic Director Josh Berlo, and University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler, Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, April 18, 2018, to be "UMD Men's Hockey National Champions Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/19/18	**Governor Dayton's Plan Would Protect Cost-Saving Tax Deductions for 900,000 Minnesotans**	Joined by Minnesota workers and students who stand to benefit from his proposal, Governor Dayton urges the Minnesota Legislature to support his	[News Release] [FACT SHEET: Governor Dayton's Tax Proposal]

	and Cut Taxes for Over 2 Million Minnesotans and their Families	plan to protect or extend tax deductions that 900,000 Minnesotans and their families rely on, including deductions for employee expenses, homeownership costs, tuition payments, and more.	[FACT SHEET: Tax Impact Stories]
4/20/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Prince Day" in the State of Minnesota**	Honoring the legacy of music legend and lifelong Minnesotan Prince Rogers Nelson, who passed away two years ago, on April 21, 2016, Governor Dayton proclaims Saturday, April 21, 2018, to be "Prince Day" in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
4/20/18	**Governor Dayton Thanks Republican Legislators for Supporting Water Quality Buffer Tax Credits**	Governor Dayton thanks Republican legislators for supporting a tax credit to help alleviate the cost of compliance with state water quality requirements. The tax credit would provide eligible landowners $50 per acre, each year, for farmland converted to water quality buffers. Governor Dayton first proposed a version of this tax credit as part of his 2017 Tax Bill.	[News Release] [Bipartisan House Legislation: HF 4395] [Bipartisan Senate Legislation: SF 3960]
4/20/18	**Governor Dayton Submits Opportunity Zone Recommendation to U.S. Treasury**	Governor Dayton recommends to the U.S. Department of Treasury 128 low-income census tracts in Minnesota to be designated as Opportunity Zones. Opportunity Zones are a new economic and community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term economic development and housing investments in low-income communities nationwide.	[News Release]
4/23/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislature to Take Action on Urgently-Needed Legislation, Lays Out Parameters for a Timely, Productive Conclusion to the Legislative Session**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to Legislative Leaders, urging immediate legislative action to address areas of bipartisan agreement, and urging Leaders to agree to parameters that will help ensure a productive, accountable resolution to the Legislative Session for the people of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Letter]
4/24/18	**Pathways to Prosperity Awards $17.8 Million Statewide for 57 Workforce Training Programs**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards 57 grants statewide totaling $17,884,007 under the Minnesota Pathways to Prosperity program.	[News Release]
4/25/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to business organizations**	Chapter 103, HF 2764: This bill modernizes and makes technical changes to business organization laws.	[News Release]

4/25/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to mortgages**	Chapter 104, HF 3158: This bill makes changes to licensing requirements for mortgage loan originators in Minnesota.	[News Release]
4/25/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to nonprofits**	Chapter 105, HF 2636: This bill authorizes towns to use general fund money to make grants to nonprofit organizations operating food shelves.	[News Release]
4/26/18	**Governor Dayton Announces New State Guidelines and Grants to Combat Opioid Abuse, Urges Legislative Action to Save Lives**	Governor Dayton releases new state guidelines designed to cut the risk of opioid addiction. The new guidelines, released last December in draft form, were developed by a work group made up of health care providers and community partners, and will help doctors and other health care providers decide when to prescribe these powerful pain killers, how much to prescribe, and how to monitor their use.	[News Release] [Opioid Prescribing Guidelines]
4/26/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Minnesota Legislature to Support and Pass "50 By 30" Renewable Energy Standard This Year**	During a meeting with Climate Generation student activists, Governor Dayton reaffirms his support for a 50 Percent by 2030 Renewable Energy Standard and urges the Minnesota Legislature to enact the proposal this session.	[News Release] [Climate Generation] [FACT SHEET: 50 by '30]
4/27/18	**Governor Dayton Urges House Republicans to Reconsider Their Proposed 30 Percent Cut to the Department of Human Rights**	Governor Dayton strongly urges Republicans in the Minnesota House of Representatives to reconsider ill-conceived and unwarranted budget cuts to the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. The $1.4 million in proposed budget cuts amount to more than 30 percent of the Department of Human Right's annual budget.	[News Release]
4/27/18	**Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Administration Highlight Urgently Needed Repairs for Minnesota Veterans Homes**	Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) Commissioner Larry Shellito and Minnesota Department of Administration (Admin) Commissioner Matt Massman visit the Minnesota State Veterans Home in Hastings to highlight urgently needed repairs and maintenance in the facilities that serve nearly 800 Minnesota veterans and spouses.	[News Release]
4/30/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Small Helps All Day" to Celebrate National Small Business Week in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, May 2, 2018 as "Small Helps All Day" to celebrate National Small Business Week in Minnesota. Governor Dayton's proclamation highlights the many contributions small businesses make to the success and vitality of Minnesota's workforce and economy.	[News Release] [Proclamation] [National Small Business Week]

4/30/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Republican Legislators to Release Public Works Proposals, Invest in Better Infrastructure this Session**	Governor Dayton calls on Republican Legislative Leaders to release their proposed Public Works bills. Governor Dayton released his Public Works bill three-and-a-half months ago, which would invest in 218 infrastructure projects around the state to create an estimated 22,950* jobs.	[News Release] [SNAPSHOT: Bonding Projects by County] [MMB Budgeting]
5/1/18	**Governor Dayton Calls for Emergency School Aid as Minnesota Schools Face Budget Shortfalls**	Governor Dayton announces a proposal for $137.9 million in one-time Emergency School Aid, which would provide additional, needed state funding for school districts across the state.	[News Release] [North Star Policy Report] [SPREADSHEET: Emergency School Aid Proposal]
5/2/18	**New, Online Minnesota Small Business Certification Web Portal makes it easier for small businesses to compete for federal, state, and local public contracts**	The State of Minnesota has made it easier for Minnesota small businesses to become a federal, state, or local government vendor.	[News Release]
5/2/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Water Action Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, May 2, 2018 to be "Water Action Day" in Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation highlights the importance of clean, healthy water for all Minnesotans across the state, and reiterates the state's continued need for clean water funding.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/3/18	**Educators Join Governor Dayton to Urge Support for Emergency School Aid**	Minnesota teachers and superintendents join Governor Dayton to urge Legislators to support a proposal for $137.9 million in one-time Emergency School Aid, which would provide additional, needed state funding for school districts across the state.	[News Release] [SPREADSHEET: Emergency School Aid] [FACT SHEET: Excellent Educations for Minnesota Students]
5/3/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to highway memorials**	Chapter 108, SF 2484: This bill designates a section of U.S. Highway 12 within the city limits of Wayzata, Minnesota as "Officer Bill Mathews Memorial Highway."	[News Release]
5/3/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Safe at Home program**	Chapter 109, HF 3551: This bill modifies the Safe at Home program requirements, and makes technical and clarifying changes to allow participants who fear for their safety to maintain a confidential address with the Secretary of State.	[News Release]
5/3/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to union membership**	Chapter 110, HF 3224: This bill relates to credit union membership, governance, and powers and duties regulated.	[News Release]

5/3/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health finances**	Chapter 111, HF 2391: This bill regulates health savings and medical savings accounts; asset protection provided.	[News Release]
5/3/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Suyapa Miranda to MNsure Board**	Today, Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Ms. Suyapa Miranda to the seat formerly held by Lauren Gilchrist. The seven-member board is responsible for overseeing MNsure.	[News Release] [MNsure]
5/3/18	**Governor Dayton to Legislators: Pass School Safety Measures, Now**	Governor Dayton issues a letter to Legislative Leaders, urging them to act quickly on important School Safety legislation. Governor Dayton announced his Safe and Secure Schools Act proposal more than eight weeks ago. Still, the Republican-controlled House and Senate have not yet sent school safety legislation to the Governor for his signature.	[News Release] [Letter] [FACT SHEET: Safe and Secure Schools] [FACT SHEET: School Safety Funding] [FACT SHEET: Reducing Gun Violence]
5/4/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Legislative Action to Reduce Gun Violence in Minnesota**	Joined by Minnesota students who participated in the national "March for Our Lives" in Washington, D.C., Governor Dayton urges Legislators to act to reduce gun violence in Minnesota. With just over two weeks remaining in the 2018 Legislative Session, time is running out to pass comprehensive gun safety measures that can further protect the lives, safety, and security of all Minnesotans.	[News Release]
5/4/18	**State of Minnesota Named One of America's Best Large Employers**	The State of Minnesota is named one of America's Best Large Employers for 2018 in a new analysis from Forbes Magazine.	[News Release] [Forbes List]
5/7/18	**Governor Urges Legislature to Take Action on Critical Priorities, Work Together To Achieve a Productive Conclusion to Session**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to Legislative Leaders, urging them to take action on critical priorities facing the people of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Letter]
5/8/18	**An Open Letter from Governor Mark Dayton**	To the People of Minnesota:	[News Release] [List of Legislators]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Republicans to Expand, Not Limit, Health Care Choices for Minnesotans this Session**	Governor Dayton urges Legislators to pass a "MinnesotaCare Buy-In" option this session, to increase access to affordable health care for Minnesotans.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to transportation contracting**	Chapter 112, HF 3418: This bill changes motor vehicle service contract requirements.	[News Release]

5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to communications**	Chapter 113, HF 3225: This bill regulates wireless communications device dealer payments for used devices.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to sanitation**	Chapter 114, HF 3210: This bill modifies county authorization for storm and sanitary sewer systems. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to natural energy**	Chapter 115, HF 3755: This bill modifies carbon monoxide detection device requirements relating to watercrafts. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to construction**	Chapter 116, HF 2743: This bill regulates real property improvement construction and services actions for damages. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act**	Chapter 117, HF 3552: This bill modifies the residential use definition under the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to child support**	Chapter 118, HF 3389: This bill modifies previous child support modification presumptions. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to campaign financing**	Chapter 119, SF 3306: This bill clarifies additional campaign finance definitions, including; disclosure, independent expenditures, noncampaign disbursements, reporting, coordinated and noncoordinated expenditures, and miscellaneous campaign finance modifications.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Metropolitan airports commission**	Chapter 120, SF 3525: This bill sets compensation limit exemptions for the Metropolitan airports commission (MAC) political subdivision.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to commission provisions**	Chapter 121, SF 2777: This bill modifies Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard-of-Hearing Minnesotans commission provisions. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to vehicle safety**	Chapter 122, SF 3466: This bill modifies motorcycle operating requirements for individuals possessing a two-wheeled vehicle instruction permit.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to crime**	Chapter 123, HF 817: This bill establishes interfering with point-of-sale terminals, gas pump dispensers,	[News Release]

		and automated teller machines as a crime.	
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to contract bidding**	Chapter 124, HF 1975: This bill narrows the water tank service contract bidding exception.	[News Release]
5/8/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to insurance**	Chapter 125, HF 3622: This bill changes reinsurer accreditation and certification requirements. This bill passed unanimously in both bodies.	[News Release]
5/9/18	**Economic Policy Institute Report: Since 2010, Minnesota's economy has performed far better for working families than Wisconsin's**	Report: "Since the 2010 election of Governor Scott Walker in Wisconsin and Governor Mark Dayton in Minnesota, lawmakers in these two neighboring states have enacted vastly different policy agendas."	[News Release] [Report]
5/9/18	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Wild Rice Bill, Urges Compromise to Achieve Solution this Session**	Governor Dayton vetoes HF 3280, a bill regarding sulfate standards for waters used to produce wild rice. The following is a statement from Governor Dayton.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/9/18	**Governor Dayton Visits Parkview Elementary School, Urges Legislature to Support Emergency School Aid for Minnesota Schools**	After visiting with students at Parkview Elementary School in Rosemount, Governor Dayton urges the Minnesota Legislature to support and pass $137.9 million in one-time Emergency School Aid for schools across Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/10/18	**Governor Dayton Visits Talahi Community School, Urges Legislature to Support Emergency School Aid for Minnesota Schools**	After visiting with students at Talahi Community School in St. Cloud, Governor Dayton urges the Minnesota Legislature to support and pass $137.9 million in one-time Emergency School Aid for schools across Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/10/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Emergency School Aid**	After visiting with students at Parkview Elementary School in Lakeville, Franklin Elementary School in Rochester, Talahi Community School in St. Cloud, and Park Side Elementary School in Marshall, Governor Dayton again urges the Minnesota Legislature to support and pass $137.9 million in one-time Emergency School Aid for schools across Minnesota.	[News Release] [Letter: Emergency School Aid] [SPREADSHEET: Emergency School Aid] [FACT SHEET: Excellent Educations]
5/11/18	**Minnesota Cuts the Ribbon on the State Capitol Complex's First Solar Array**	Electricity to the Minnesota Capitol complex is getting greener with the activation of the first phase of a large new solar array on the roof of the Minnesota Senate Building (MSB). The project, overseen by the Minnesota Department of Administration, formally opens with a ribbon-cutting.	[News Release]
5/12/18	**Update from the 71st Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener on Green**	The 2018 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener was a success! With good weather in Spicer, Minnesota,	[News Release]

	Lake in the Willmar Lakes Area	Governor Mark Dayton and his fishing party caught eight fish Saturday morning on Green Lake.	
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to child custody**	Chapter 127, HF 3295: This bill allows joint petitions for custody and parenting time to be filed in legal separations and by unmarried parents.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to mental health**	Chapter 128, SF 3066: This bill makes modifications to mental health care provider requirements.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to job training programs**	Chapter 129, SF 2629: This bill makes modifications to job training program requirements.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to term limits**	Chapter 130, SF 2865: This bill eliminates physician assistant advisory council member term limits.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day**	In accordance with a proclamation issued by President Donald J. Trump, Governor Dayton directs all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in honor and remembrance of peace officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Proclamation] [President Trump's Proclamation]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to claim settlements**	Chapter 131, HF 4157: This bill provides claim settlements and appropriates money. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to fugitive emission standards**	Chapter 132, SF 3182: This bill clarifies fugitive emission standards for commodity facility applications.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to biodiesel fuel modification**	Chapter 133, SF 3596: This bill establishes the minimum biodiesel content level for diesel fuel modification, and provides an extension to number 1 diesel exemptions. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to recycling**	Chapter 134, SF 2921: This bill modifies local recycling program matching fund requirements. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to vehicle registration**	Chapter 135, HF 1876: This bill increases access to information for permitted vehicle registration with trade associations.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to insurance**	Chapter 136, SF 2692: This bill authorizes National Guard members access to information relating to a state-sponsored life insurance program. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]

5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to veterans**	Chapter 137, SF 3004: This bill authorizes the secretary of state to collect veteran-status data for appointments. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to Atomic Veterans Day**	Chapter 138, SF 1703: This bill designates July 16 as Atomic Veterans Day. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/14/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to veterans**	Chapter 139, SF 3262: This bill authorizes designation of a Purple Heart City or a Purple Heart County. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/16/18	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Chapter 142, SF 2849**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 142, SF 2849, a bill requiring physicians to invite patients to view ultrasound imaging prior to an abortion.	[News Release]
5/16/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 18-07 to Increase Fertilizer Access for Minnesota Farmers**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 18-07, to deliver emergency relief from regulations incorporated in Minnesota Statutes, section 221.0314, subdivision 9, pertaining to hours of service for motor carriers and drivers delivering fertilizers in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Emergency Executive Order 18-07]
5/16/18	**Statement from Governor Mark Dayton on the passing of Nick Coleman**	Governor Dayton releases a statement following the passing of Nick Coleman.	[News Release]
5/17/18	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Republican Tax Bill, Urges Minnesota Legislature to Put Kids First with Emergency School Aid**	Joined by students and teachers at Bruce Vento Elementary School, Governor Dayton vetoes the Republican Tax Bill (H.F. 4385/S.F. 3982), making clear that he will not sign a Tax Bill until the Minnesota Legislature passes Emergency School Aid that would help schools avoid layoffs and program cuts.	[News Release]
5/17/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to data privacy**	Chapter 140, HF 2892: This bill strengthens data privacy and protection for farm data used for research purposes by the University of Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/17/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to nursing facilities**	Chapter 141, SF 2762: This bill increases the construction rate for a Ramsey County nursing facility project. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/17/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Minnesota Athletic Trainers Act**	Chapter 143, SF 614: This bill makes modifications to the Minnesota Athletic Trainers Act and the Minnesota Psychology Practice Act.	[News Release]

5/17/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to sex trafficking**	Chapter 144, SF 2554: This bill requires collection of information on the connection between pornography and sex trafficking, and authorizes expansion of the penalty assessment. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/17/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to General John Vessey**	Chapter 145, SF 1694: This bill designates June 29 as General John Vessey Day. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/17/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to veterans**	Chapter 146, SF 3793: This bill modifies competitive county bidding for small business enterprises, or veteran-owned small businesses. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/18/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on School Safety**	Governor Dayton issues a statement, urging Legislators to act on legislation to protect Minnesota children and reduce gun violence.	[News Release]
5/18/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Santa Fe, Texas**	In accordance with a proclamation issued by President Trump, Governor Dayton directs all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton Proclamation] [President Trump Proclamation]
5/19/18	**Governor Dayton Offers Compromise Tax and Budget Bills**	In another attempt to deliver on the many urgent needs facing Minnesotans, Governor Dayton presents Republican Legislative Leaders with compromise proposals for a Budget Bill and a Tax Bill.	[News Release] [Governor Dayton's Compromise Letter] [Governor Dayton's Budget Compromise] [Governor Dayton's Tax Cut Compromise]
5/19/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to the legislature**	Chapter 147, HF 2940: This bill would have allowed the Legislature preemption over the Executive branch.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/19/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to criminal penalties**	Chapter 150, HF 390: This bill would have increased and established criminal penalties for protestors in Minnesota.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/19/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to deputy registrars**	Chapter 178, HF 2835: This bill would have appropriated money and reimbursed deputy registrars from the Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services special revenue accounts.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/19/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to the PUC**	Chapter 187, HF 3759: This bill would have required the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to permit the building and routing of a pipeline project.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to public treatment works**	Chapter 148, HF 2802: This bill provides regulatory certainty to municipalities constructing publicly	[News Release]

		owned treatment works, in order to comply with new or modified effluent limitations.	
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council**	Chapter 149, HF 2847: This bill modifies the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health resources**	Chapter 151, HF 2945: This bill modifies requirements for intensive residential treatment centers and adult crisis response service providers. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health information**	Chapter 152, HF 3689: This bill makes changes to birth defect information systems.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to child care**	Chapter 153, HF 3015: This bill modifies correction order posting requirements for child care licensing. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to safety inspections**	Chapter 154, HF 3089: This bill modifies mine inspection requirements. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to clean energy**	Chapter 155, SF 3245: This bill makes modifications to energy improvement programs, authorizes protection for consumers utilizing residential property assessed clean energy (PACE) loans, and expands energy conservation loan use.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the GI Program**	Chapter 156, SF 3461: This bill recodifies statutory language for the GI bill program. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Armory**	Chapter 157, SF 3000: This bill authorizes pay and active service for state Armory rentals. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to security**	Chapter 158, HF 1243: This bill provides exceptions and security freezes for protected persons with authorized access to consumer reports. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to traffic laws**	Chapter 159, HF 3249: This bill modifies provisions governing the act of passing emergency vehicles stopped on a roadway.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to sexual assault**	Chapter 160, SF 2863: This bill establishes a sexual assault examination kit handling procedure and requires victim notification. This	[News Release]

		bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to older and vulnerable adults**	Chapter 161, HF 3833: This bill provides financial exploitation protections for older and vulnerable adults.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to prescription drugs**	Chapter 162, HF 3196: This bill establishes step therapy protocol and overrides prescription drug coverage. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to advisory committees**	Chapter 164, SF 3143: This bill extends the expiration dates for a traumatic brain injury advisory committee, an American Indian advisory council, a formulary committee, and an American Indian child welfare advisory council. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to traffic laws**	Chapter 165, SF 3569: This bill establishes a moratorium on permits to mow or hay trunk highway rights-of-way until April 30, 2019.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to human services**	Chapter 166, SF 2683: This bill modifies human services background study requirements and makes available a record check for national criminal history.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health regulations**	Chapter 167, SF 3102: This bill modifies isolation and quarantine provisions.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health services**	Chapter 168, SF 3480: This bill modifies health care services price disclosure requirements and primary care price transparency.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to water**	Chapter 169, HF 3819: This bill discontinues the Ramsey Soil and Water Conservation District and transfers its duties.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health professionals**	Chapter 170, HF 2746: This bill modifies advanced practice registered nurse practice. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to agriculture**	Chapter 171, HF 3548: This bill modifies agricultural transportation governing requirements. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to real estate**	Chapter 173, SF 2991: This bill creates the real estate appraisal advisory board prescribes duties, and creates provisions for broker license reinstatement. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]

5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the military**	Chapter 174, SF 327: This bill prohibits the assignment of military pay or benefits, and provides remedies. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to societies**	Chapter 175, HF 3799: This bill regulates fraternal benefit societies. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to notaries**	Chapter 176, SF 893: This bill enacts revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to waste management**	Chapter 177, HF 3095: This bill modifies waste management provisions regarding organized collection.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to sex trafficking**	Chapter 179, SF 3367: This bill requires sex trafficking prevention training for employees of hotels and motels.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to health care services**	Chapter 180, SF 2675: This bill removes date restrictions on all-payer claims data use for health care costs, quality, utilization, and illness analysis. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs the Revisor's bill**	Chapter 182, SF 3326: This bill is the Revisor's bill. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to vehicle safety**	Chapter 183, SF 3638: Little Alan's Law; this bill increases awareness for carbon monoxide dangers in fish houses, and establishes full incorporation of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and motorboats into the DWI law establishment.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to vehicle costs**	Chapter 184, SF 2869: This bill eliminates the tariff filing requirement for motor carriers.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council**	Chapter 185, HF 3873: This bill adopts recommendations from the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs the omnibus lands bill**	Chapter 186, SF 3168: This bill is the omnibus lands bill. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to social services**	Chapter 188, HF 3265: This bill modifies the governance provisions of the Minnesota assessment of parenting for children and youth and child foster care, and establishes the foster care sibling bill of rights.	[News Release]

5/20/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to water treatment**	Chapter 189, SF 3297: The bill authorizes the City of St. Paul or its Board of Water Commissioners to use the design-build process for the McCarron's water treatment process improvement project.	[News Release]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton deposits a bill relating to child care**	Chapter 163, SF 2685: This bill exempts child care providers from the positive supports strategies training rule.	[News Release] [Deposit Letter]
5/20/18	**Governor Dayton deposits a bill relating to water**	Chapter 181, HF 4003: This bill bars the Department of Natural Resources from enforcing permit conditions imposed on ground water permit holders within five miles of White Bear Lake.	[News Release] [Deposit Letter]
5/21/18	**Update on Chapter 181, HF 4003**	Governor Dayton signs Chapter 181, HF 4003, and returns it to the Secretary of State in order to ensure it becomes law according to the guidelines laid out in the Minnesota Constitution.	[News Release] [Deposit Letter]
5/22/18	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Chapter 190, HF 4133**	Governor Dayton vetoes Chapter 190, HF 4133, the omnibus agriculture policy bill.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/23/18	**Governor Dayton Vetoes Republican Tax and Omnibus Budget Bills that Put Special Interests Ahead of Minnesota Families**	Governor Dayton vetoes the Republican Tax Bill and the Republican Omnibus Budget Bill, which put powerful special interests, multinational corporations, and the rich ahead of Minnesota schoolkids and families.	[News Release] [Republican Omnibus Budget Bill Veto Letter] [Republican Tax Bill Veto Letter]
5/25/18	**Michelle Fischbach Sworn In as Minnesota's 49th Lieutenant Governor**	Michelle Fischbach takes the oath of office as Minnesota's 49th Lieutenant Governor, filling the vacancy created upon Senator Tina Smith's resignation from that role.	[News Release] [PHOTO: Lt. Governor Fischbach]
5/25/18	**Governor Mark Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff for Memorial Day**	Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 28, 2018, in honor of those who have died while serving in the United States Military.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
5/25/18	**Governor Mark Dayton Issues Writ of Special Election to Fill Senate District 13 Vacancy**	Governor Dayton issues a writ of special election to fill the Office of the Minnesota Senate for Senate District 13 in Benton and Stearns County. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.	[News Release] [Writ of Special Election]
5/25/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Nobles,**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for	[News Release] [State Disaster Assistance Letter]

	Rock, and St. Louis Counties	emergency relief in Nobles County, Rock County, and St. Louis County.	
5/29/18	**Super Bowl LII Economic Impact Exceeds Expectations, Generates $450 million for Local Economy**	The Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee announces results of an Economic Impact Report, calculating the impact of visitors and events over a 10-day period from January 26 – February 4, 2018, celebrating Super Bowl LII. More than $450 million was spent in Minnesota by visitors, companies hosting events, and the broadcast and operations teams who executed one of the world's largest sporting events. Adjusted for 'displaced tourism,' Super Bowl LII brought more than $370 million in net new spending to Minnesota.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to property guidelines**	Chapter 191, HF 3380: This bill amends the self-storage statute by modifying the definitions of owner and rental agreements, and clarifying the use of online property sales in cases of default. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to the Uniform Athlete Agents Act**	Chapter 192, HF 2363: This bill modifies and enacts the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to solar energy**	Chapter 193, HF 3232: This bill modifies the solar energy incentive program.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to civil commitments**	Chapter 194, SF 3673: This bill modifies provisions regarding discharge from civil commitment for persons committed as mentally ill and dangerous, sexually dangerous, or persons with a sexual psychopathic personality. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to criminal penalties**	Chapter 195, SF 2578: This bill modifies controlled substance schedules, imposes kratom criminal penalties, and modifies the DWI law by including other types of intoxicating substances and striking references to hazardous substances.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to trust funds**	Chapter 198, HF 3763: This bill limits the use of the Douglas J. Johnson economic protection trust fund. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to construction**	Chapter 199, HF 3202: This bill adds an exception project and provisions to the hospital construction moratorium.	[News Release]

5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to child care**	Chapter 200, SF 3310: This bill modifies child care licensing provisions.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs the omnibus liquor bill**	Chapter 202, HF 3972: This is the omnibus liquor bill, which authorizes licenses and clarifies provisions regarding brewing and winemaking on certain premises.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to motor vehicles**	Chapter 203, HF 740: This bill regulates motor vehicle franchises, specifies warranty and recall obligations, and provides information on unfair practices and succession agreements by manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to corporate settlements**	Chapter 204, HF 3660: This bill establishes an account for and requires reporting on the settlement between the state and 3M company, requires well testing reports, and appropriates money.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs a bill relating to loan forgiveness programs**	Chapter 207, SF 3062: This bill makes technical changes to and clarifies loan forgiveness programs administered by OHE, and ratifies labor agreements for the Minnesota State College Faculty and the Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs the Legacy Outdoor Heritage Fund bill**	Chapter 208, HF 3423: This is the Legacy Outdoor Heritage Fund bill.	[News Release]
5/29/18	**Governor Dayton signs the Revisor's bill**	Chapter 213, SF 4075: This bill is the Revisor's bill. This bill passed unanimously in both legislative bodies.	[News Release]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton Signs Bonding Bill, Despite Serious Concerns**	Despite the Minnesota Legislature's ill-advised inclusion of unrelated and unsound provisions, Governor Dayton signs the Omnibus Bonding Bill (H.F. 1226/S.F. 1219) into law, ensuring that important infrastructure projects throughout Minnesota may proceed.	[News Release]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to the Metropolitan Council**	Chapter 196, SF 2809: This bill would have restructured the Metropolitan Council and eliminated the Transportation Advisory Board.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to public works**	Chapter 197, SF 3463: This bill would have made people "guilty by association" for the actions of an individual against certain utilities or public works.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to the DPS and MNLARS**	Chapter 206, HF 3463: This bill would have imposed unfunded mandates on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the MNLARS system.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]

5/30/18	**Governor Dayton vetoes a bill relating to wild rice water quality standards**	Chapter 210, HF 3422: This bill would have replaced the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's responsibility under state and federal law to determine a wild rice water quality standard by unlawfully giving a work group this power.	[News Release] [Veto Letter]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton establishes the Governor's Wild Rice Task Force**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 18-08 to establish the Governor's Wild Rice Task Force, which will review the scientific literature concerning wild rice and sulfates, recommend a list of wild rice waters, and produce a report including recommendations for best practices.	[News Release] [Executive Order]
5/30/18	**MnDOT awards three additional Corridors of Commerce projects**	The Minnesota Department of Transportation announces three additional Corridors of Commerce projects, valued at over $400 million. The projects were funded by Gov. Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature in this year's public works bill.	[News Release]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes Emergency Building Inspectors to Assist U.S. Virgin Islands with Ongoing Hurricane Rebuilding**	Governor Dayton authorizes a team of 11 Minnesota building officials to head to the U.S. Virgin Islands, and aid in ongoing reconstruction following Hurricanes Irma and Maria last September. Governor Dayton approved this request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to relieve the overburdened Emergency Management System in the U.S. Virgin Islands.	[News Release]
5/30/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Lac qui Parle and Marshall Counties**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for emergency relief in Lac qui Parle County and Marshall County. Areas of each county experienced significant damage to public properties caused by severe spring flooding brought on by melting snow.	[News Release] [Letter]
5/31/18	**Governor Dayton Signs Bipartisan Pension Legislation to Stabilize Benefits for 511,000 Minnesotans**	Joined by public servants from across state and local government, Governor Dayton signs bipartisan legislation (H.F. 3053/S.F. 2620) to ensure Minnesota's public employee pension plans remain solvent, and that promises are kept to Minnesota workers and retirees.	[News Release]
6/1/18	**Minnesota Named Third Best State for Jobs in New National Study**	Minnesota is the third best state in the country to find a job, according to a new study conducted by WalletHub. The new study ranked all 50 states	[News Release] [WalletHub Study]

		across 29 different indicators related to job-market strength, opportunity, and a healthy economy, with factors including average starting salary, job satisfaction, and unemployment rates taken into consideration.	
6/7/18	**Minnesota Trade Office Expands International Representation**	The Minnesota Trade Office announces the opening of seven international representative locations that will provide export promotion and assistance to Minnesota companies selling goods and services globally and work to attract foreign investment from companies looking to do business in Minnesota. The seven offices are located in Canada, Mexico, Japan, European Union, United Kingdom, Australia and the ASEAN region (Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, and Brunei).	[News Release]
6/8/18	**Metropolitan Council, Xcel Energy work to get Council to 100 percent renewable energy by 2040**	Xcel Energy and the Council announce the creation of a green partnership focused on working together to produce and purchase clean, renewable energy and also allow the Council to operate its wastewater and transit systems exclusively on energy from renewable sources by 2040.	[News Release]
6/8/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Paul Simon Day" in Minnesota**	As critically-acclaimed singer-songwriter Paul Simon prepares to give his 15th performance in Minnesota, Governor Dayton proclaims Friday, June 8th, 2018 as "Paul Simon Day" throughout the state.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/13/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, June 14, 2018 as "Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Day" throughout the State of Minnesota. The Governor's proclamation recognizes the 30th Annual National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, which is being hosted by the Minnesota State Bar Association in our state this week.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/18/18	**Statement from Governor Mark Dayton on Proposed Health Insurance Rates**	The Minnesota Department of Commerce releases proposed rate filings submitted by the health insurance providers seeking to sell individual and small group policies in Minnesota during the upcoming Open	[News Release] [Commerce Release]

		Enrollment period. Governor Dayton releases a statement.	
6/18/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Pollinator Week" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims the week of June 18, 2018 as "Minnesota Pollinator Week" in the State of Minnesota. Pollinators play an important role in the health of various Minnesota environments, providing significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining strong, biodiverse ecosystems.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/19/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Juneteenth Freedom Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Tuesday, June 19, 2018 as "Juneteenth Freedom Day" in the State of Minnesota. Juneteenth Freedom Day is an annual remembrance of the ending of slavery that promotes the celebration of freedom and justice for all Americans through an emphasis on continued education, achievement, and tolerance.	[News Release] [Proclamation]
6/19/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Separation of Immigrant Families on the United States' Southern Border**	Governor Dayton releases a statement on the separation of immigrant families.	[News Release]
6/20/18	**DEED Approves Job Creation Funding for Five Businesses**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) approves grants totaling nearly $706,000 to support five business expansion projects in Greater Minnesota. Grants from the Job Creation Fund were approved for projects in Glenwood, Stewartville, Albert Lea, Monticello and Zimmerman. Four of the businesses are majority woman-owned firms.	[News Release]
6/20/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes Minnesota Firefighters to Assist Hawaii with Ongoing Volcanic Activity**	Governor Dayton authorizes two Minnesota firefighters to assist in emergency management efforts on the Hawaii Islands in response to ongoing volcanic activity. Volcanic eruptions have destroyed property, damaged public infrastructure, and endangered Hawaiian communities.	[News Release]
6/26/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the US Supreme Court's Travel Ban Ruling**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding the United States Supreme Court's decision to uphold President Trump's travel ban on predominantly Muslim countries.	[News Release]
6/27/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the US Supreme Court's Ruling in Janus v. AFSCME**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding the United States Supreme Court's decision in Janus v. AFSCME.	[News Release]

6/28/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Enbridge's Proposed Oil Pipeline**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's approval of a Certificate of Need for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Oil Pipeline.	[News Release]
6/29/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Community Leaders to Co-Chair Statewide 2020 U.S. Census Panel**	Governor Dayton appoints four community leaders to co-chair the Minnesota Complete Count Committee, the organization that will lead statewide efforts to encourage participation in the 2020 U.S. Census. While other states have employed Complete Count committees at the state and local levels, Minnesota has not previously organized a statewide committee.	[News Release]
7/2/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Hire a Veteran Month" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims the month of July, 2018 to be "Hire a Veteran Month" in the State of Minnesota. Governor Dayton's proclamation encourages all Minnesota employers to help connect military service members with employment opportunities during the month of July, and to continue hiring veterans throughout the year.	[News Release]
7/3/18	**Minnesota is Named 4th-Best State for Kids in National Study**	Minnesota is the 4th-best state in the nation for overall child well-being, according to the latest KIDSCOUNT Data Book from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Effective state and local investments have contributed to the better educations, health, and economic well-being of children in Minnesota. However, not all of Minnesota's children share equally in those improvements, as the state continues to face persistent disparities in health, education, and economic outcomes for children of color.	[News Release]
7/5/18	**Governor Dayton Signs Emergency Executive Order 18-11 Declaring a Peacetime Emergency Following Severe Weather, Flooding**	Governor Dayton signs Emergency Executive Order 18-11, proclaiming a State of Peacetime Emergency in numerous communities that have been impacted by significant torrential rains, flash flooding, high winds, and tornadoes.	[News Release]
7/10/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes Division Group Supervisor to Assist Hawaii with Ongoing Volcanic Activity**	Governor Dayton authorizes Harlow Thompson, a Minnesota Division Group Supervisor, to assist in emergency management efforts on the Hawaii Islands in response to ongoing volcanic activity. Volcanic eruptions have destroyed property, damaged public infrastructure, and	[News Release]

		endangered Hawaii communities. Governor Dayton approved this request for assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), to provide additional relief for ongoing 24-hour coverage of the natural disaster at Hawaii County's Forward Operating Base.	
7/11/18	**DEED Awards Small Cities Development Grants**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards 35 grants totaling more than $19 million for rehabilitation and infrastructure projects in Greater Minnesota.	[News Release]
7/11/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Reinstatement of Mineral Leases for Chippewa Capital Partners, LLC**	Governor Dayton issues a statement after the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) completed its final review of documents submitted to the State by Chippewa Capital Partners, LLC. The Minnesota DNR has determined that the company has satisfied all of the terms for reinstatement of its State mineral leases.	[News Release]
7/11/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Ramsey County**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for emergency relief in Ramsey County. Ramsey County has experienced significant damage resulting from a slope failure and landslide onto Wabasha Street in the City of St. Paul on April 28, 2018.	[News Release]
7/13/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Announcement of University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler's Retirement**	University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler announces his plans to retire in July 2019. Governor Mark Dayton issues a statement following the announcement.	[News Release]
7/18/18	**Minnesota Department of Health Announces New Family Home Visiting Grants**	The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) announces new grants for nearly one-third of the counties in the state to increase family home visiting - a proven way to benefit at-risk children, promote life-long health, and reduce the need for future community spending on social programs.	[News Release]
7/18/18	**Governor Dayton Urges President Trump to Extend Temporary Protected Status for Somali Americans**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to President Donald Trump, urging him to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Somali refugees living in the United States. Governor Dayton's letter urges the President to consider	[News Release]

		Somali-Americans' many contributions to the life, culture, and economy of our state and nation – and the treacherous conditions that still exist in Somalia.	
7/18/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Death of Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm**	Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm was killed in the line of duty at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Stillwater. Governor Dayton issues a statement.	[News Release]
7/19/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Today's Jobs Report**	The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) releases the latest monthly jobs report.	[News Release]
7/19/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Extension of Temporary Protected Status for Somali Americans**	United States Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen announces Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Somali refugees will continue for an additional 18 months.	[News Release]
7/19/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Fillmore and Red Lake Counties**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for emergency relief in Fillmore and Red Lake counties. Areas of each county experienced significant damage to public properties caused by severe spring flooding brought on by harsh torrential rains.	[News Release]
7/23/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm**	In honor and remembrance of Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Brian Gomm, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Thursday, July 26, 2018.	[News Release]
7/25/18	**Minnesota Earns AAA Bond Rating**	In separate announcements, two national bond rating agencies – Fitch Ratingsand Standard and Poor's (S&P) – give the State of Minnesota their highest "AAA" bond ratings, affirming that Minnesota is in prime fiscal health. The bond rating announcements follow nearly eight years of sound fiscal management from the Dayton Administration – including difficult budget cuts, the elimination of budget shifts and gimmicks that undermined our fiscal	[News Release]

		health, the long-term stabilization of the State's revenues, structural budget balances into the future, public employee pension reforms, and historic savings in Minnesota's Budget Reserves.	
7/27/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Minnesota/Mnisota Tribal Youth Gathering Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Friday, July 27, 2018 as "Minnesota/Mnisota Tribal Youth Gathering Day" in the State of Minnesota. The proclamation celebrates the first-in-the nation state gathering at the University of Minnesota that brought together more than 300 Native American youth aged 14 to 24, tribal and state leaders, civic and business leaders, and educational organizations to focus on challenges facing Native American youth.	[News Release]
8/01/18	**Governor Dayton Urges Health and Human Services Secretary Azar to Maintain Integrity of Title X Program**	Governor Dayton sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, urging him to maintain the integrity of the Title X Program and not implement the agency's proposed changes. Governor Dayton's letter reminds Secretary Azar that federal Title X funds currently allow more than 53,000 Minnesotans access to expert, affordable reproductive health care services each year, including coverage for vital preventative health screenings.	[News Release]
8/07/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Recent Acts of Vandalism at Al-Salam Mosque in Maplewood**	Governor Dayton issues a statement regarding recent acts of vandalism at the Islamic Institute of Minnesota's Al-Salam Mosque in Maplewood.	[News Release]

8/08/18	**Governor Dayton's Letter to Farmers at Minnesota FarmFest 2018**	Commentary from Governor Dayton is printed in the Redwood Falls Gazette's FarmFest 2018 special edition.	[News Release]
8/08/18	**Minnesota Leads Midwest in Clean Energy Employment Growth**	More than 59,000 Minnesota residents now work in clean energy industries in every county in the state according to a new analysis of energy jobs data from Clean Energy Trust (CET) and the nonpartisan business group E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs). Clean Energy Economy MN (CEEM) released the third annual report, which shows that the state's clean energy jobs grew at a rate of 2.6 percent, twice as fast as overall job growth in the state. Minnesota's growth is also a bright spot in the Midwest, which saw an overall 1.2 percent decline in clean energy jobs.	[News Release]
8/08/18	**Governor Dayton Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to President Donald Trump requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration in Minnesota communities impacted by severe storms and flooding between June 15 and July 12, 2018.	[News Release]
8/08/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Beyoncé and Jay-Z Day" in Minnesota**	As thousands of Minnesotans prepare to gather for the music icons' concert at U.S. Bank Stadium tonight, Governor Mark Dayton proclaims Wednesday, August 8, 2018 as "Beyoncé and Jay-Z Day" in Minnesota.	[News Release]

8/16/18	**Minnesota Gains 11,200 Jobs in July**	Minnesota employers added 11,200 jobs in July, according to seasonally adjusted figures released today by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).	[News Release]
8/17/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Sunday, August 19th "Lindsay Whalen Day" in Minnesota**	As the Minnesota sports icon prepares for her final regular season game at the Target Center in Minneapolis, Governor Dayton proclaims Sunday, August 19, 2018 as "Lindsay Whalen Day" throughout the state.	[News Release]
8/21/18	**Governor's Task Force on Housing Releases Action Plan to Connect All Minnesotans With Good, Affordable Homes**	Governor Dayton and members of the Governor's Task Force on Housing releases its final report, recommending 30 action steps aimed at improving access to quality, affordable housing for Minnesotans and building a more vibrant, inclusive economic future for all Minnesotans.	[News Release]
8/22/18	**Governor Dayton and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota Invite Young Women to Apply for Opportunities with Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota invites young women from across the state to apply for open positions with the Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota. The Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota currently has at least 7 cabinet vacancies to fill.	[News Release]
8/23/2018	**PFA Approves $8.77 Million for Greater Minnesota Projects**	Six Greater Minnesota cities were awarded $8.77 million in grants and loans from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for water infrastructure and sanitary sewer improvements. Funding was approved for Bagley, Brownton, Elbow Lake, Eveleth, Waverly and Wheaton.	[News Release]

8/23/18	**Governor Dayton Calls Minnesota National Guard to Assist in Firefighting Efforts in Beltrami County**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 18-12, calling upon the Minnesota National Guard to assist with firefighting efforts in Beltrami County. The National Guard will support the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) ongoing firefighting efforts in Beltrami County, where a 500-acre wildfire began yesterday.	[News Release]
8/27/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Senator John McCain**	In honor and remembrance of United States Senator John McCain, Governor Dayton orders all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, beginning immediately, until sunset on the day of Senator McCain's interment on Sunday, September 2, 2018.	[News Release]
8/28/28	**An Open Letter to the Iron Range**	Governor Dayton writes an open letter to the Iron Range.	[News Release]
8/29/18	**Seven Percent of All Minnesota State Employees Are People with Disabilities, Reaching Goal Set by Governor Mark Dayton**	In 2014, Governor Dayton issues an Executive Order, directing Minnesota's state government agencies to increase employment of people with disabilities to at least seven percent by August 2018. Governor Dayton announces the State has achieved that important goal.	[News Release]
8/30/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims Aug. 31 Public Lands Day in Minnesota**	In recognition of public lands as a resource belonging to all Minnesotans, Governor Dayton proclaims Friday, Aug. 31, Public Lands Day.	[News Release]
8/30/18	**British Ambassador Meets with Governor Dayton to Discuss UK-Minnesota Clean Growth Collaboration**	British Ambassador to the United States, Sir Kim Darroch, meets with Governor Dayton to discuss how the UK and Minnesota can work together to promote clean growth and energy efficiency.	[News Release]
8/31/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Taylor Swift Day" in Minnesota**	In honor of the pop icon's back-to-back performances at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis this weekend, Governor Dayton proclaims Friday, August 31, 2018 as "Taylor Swift Day" in Minnesota. The two Minneapolis shows are just two of 56 dates on Swift's 2018 'Reputation' world tour.	[News Release]

9/5/18	**Governor Dayton Secures Major Disaster Declaration for 27 Minnesota Counties and 3 Tribal Nations**	Governor Dayton announces that he has secured a Major Disaster Declaration that will provide federal funds to aid in emergency relief for 27 counties and three tribal nations in Minnesota. Governor Dayton sent a letter to President Donald Trump last month requesting the declaration after communities around the state were impacted by severe storms and flooding between June 15 and July 12, 2018.	[News Release]
9/13/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Members to New Task Force on Wild Rice**	Governor Dayton announces his appointments to the Governor's Task Force on Wild Rice. Established in June 2018 through Executive Orders 18-08 and 18-09, the Task Force will work toward the restoration and protection of wild rice habitats, in order to preserve the cultural, environmental, and economic interests many Minnesotans have for this complex issue.	[News Release]
9/10/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Observance of the 17th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks**	In observance of the seventeenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, September 11, 2017.	[News Release]
9/14/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Executive Order 18-13 to Assist with Hurricane Florence in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia**	Governor Dayton issues Executive Order 18-13, directing a Minnesota National Guard helicopter and response team to assist with Hurricane Florence relief efforts in North Carolina. Governor Dayton's Executive Order approves a request for assistance from the Minnesota National Guard through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).	[News Release]

9/20/18	**Governor Mark Dayton, IRRRB Commissioner Mark Phillips, and DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr to Hold Town Hall Meeting in Nashwauk**	At 7:00pm on Monday, September 24, 2018, Governor Dayton, IRRRB Commissioner Mark Phillips, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner Tom Landwehr will hold a town hall meeting at the Nashwauk Township Community Center to discuss the Nashwauk mining and pellet plant project. Mesabi Metallics CEO Gary Heasley will also participate, and will be available to take questions on the company's plans to see the project through to completion.	[News Release]
9/24/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "HeForShe Day" in the State of Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Monday, September 24, 2018, as "HeForShe Day" in the State of Minnesota. The proclamation recognizes the continued need to advocate for equal rights for women and girls, and aims to inspire people everywhere, including men and boys, to take action and become agents of change for gender equality.	[News Release]
9/24/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on the Death of Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Parise**	Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Parise died in the line of duty after experiencing a medical emergency at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Oak Park Heights. Governor Dayton releases a statement.	[News Release]
9/27/18	**Taiwan to Purchase up to $1.56 billion in Soybeans from Minnesota, Iowa Farmers**	Hosted by Governor Dayton at the Minnesota Governor's Residence, Taiwanese trade officials and business leaders signed a letter of intent to purchase millions of metric tons of soybeans from farmers in Minnesota and Iowa over the next two years.	[News Release]
9/28/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Parise**	In honor and remembrance of Minnesota Corrections Officer Joseph Michael Parise, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.	[News Release]

10/1/18	**Governor Dayton and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota Announce Appointments to the Young Women's Cabinet**	Governor Dayton and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota announce the appointments of ten new members to serve on the Young Women's Cabinet.	[News Release]
10/1/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Minnesota Manufacturing Week" in Minnesota**	In recognition of the important role manufacturing serves in Minnesota's economic success, Governor Dayton proclaims the week of October 1-7, 2018 as "Minnesota Manufacturing Week" in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release]
10/2/18	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Health Insurance Rates**	The Minnesota Department of Commerce announced final rates that health insurance providers will charge for individual and small group health policies in Minnesota during the upcoming Open Enrollment period. According to the Commerce Department, Minnesotans who purchase their coverage on the individual health insurance market will see significant rate decreases in 2019, ranging on average from 7.4 percent to 27.7 percent. Minnesotans who buy their health coverage through MNsure may be eligible for additional cost-saving tax credits, averaging $7,000 per family.	[News Release]
10/2/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Houston County**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for emergency relief in Houston County. Areas of Houston County experienced significant damage to public properties caused by severe flash flooding brought on by torrential rains.	[News Release]
10/4/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Jeanne M. Cochran to Fill Court of Appeals Vacancy**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Judge Jeanne M. Cochran as the Sixth Congressional District Judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Judge Cochran will be replacing the Honorable Randolph W. Peterson.	[News Release]
10/5/18	**Governor Dayton Appoints Randall J. Sleiter to Fill Court of Appeals Vacancy**	Governor Dayton announces the appointment of Judge Randall J. Slieter as the Seventh Congressional District Judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Judge Slieter will be replacing the Honorable Michael L. Kirk.	[News Release]

10/5/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Observation of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service**	In honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, October 7, 2018.	[News Release]
10/9/18	**First State Scorecard on Environmental Sustainability Highlights State Successes and Improvement Opportunities for Waste, Energy, and Water Usage Reduction**	Minnesota's state agencies are making good progress towards ambitious sustainability goals put in place last year by Governor Dayton, according to a newly-released report by the Department of Administration's Office of Enterprise Sustainability.	[News Release]
10/10/18	**Governor Dayton Authorizes Pipeline Safety Inspectors to Assist Massachusetts with Service Restoration Following Gas Explosions**	Governor Dayton authorizes five Minnesota pipeline safety inspectors to assist in the restoration of gas services in Merrimack County, Massachusetts, in response to a natural gas line incident that caused a series of explosions in September.	[News Release]
10/11/18	**Statement on Governor Dayton's Back Surgery**	On October 12, 2018, Governor Dayton will undergo lower back surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. This procedure is similar to those performed in 2012 and 2015, which fused vertebrae in Governor Dayton's lower back. Those surgeries were beneficial to improving strength and stability in his legs.	[News Release]
10/11/18	**Governor Dayton Issues Emergency Executive Order 18-14 to Assist with Hurricane Michael Emergency Response Efforts in Florida**	Governor Mark Dayton issues Emergency Executive Order 18-14, directing a Minnesota National Guard helicopter and response team to assist with Hurricane Michael relief efforts in Florida.	[News Release]
10/14/18	**Statement on Governor Dayton's Back Surgery**	On Friday, Governor Dayton underwent a successful back surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Governor Dayton's doctor is pleased with how Friday's surgery went and believes the procedure will strengthen the Governor's legs, as intended. The Governor is following his doctor's recommendation to undergo a follow-up procedure on Monday that will further strengthen the fusion in his lower back. This final surgery will provide more support for his vertebrae, and better ensure the long-term stability of his back and legs.	[News Release]

10/15/18	**Three Greater Minnesota Cities Awarded Infrastructure Grants**	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awards over $2.35 million in grants to infrastructure projects in the Greater Minnesota area.	[News Release]
10/17/18	**PFA Approves $6.1 Million for Minnesota Water Projects**	The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) approves $6.1 million in water projects for the cities of Houston, Lucan, and Sacred Heart. The funding will support projects ranging from a new drinking water plant in Houston to the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer lines in Sacred Heart.	[News Release]
10/25/18	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Wellstone Remembrance Day" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton proclaims Thursday, October 25, 2018 as "Wellstone Remembrance Day" in Minnesota, honoring the late U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone 16 years after he was killed in a terrible plane crash with his wife Sheila, his daughter Marcia, three close friends and aides, and two pilots. The Governor's proclamation highlights Senator Wellstone's dedication to the people of Minnesota and the causes he believed in.	[News Release]
10/28/18	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**	In accordance with a proclamation issued by President Donald Trump, Governor Dayton orders all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota. As directed by the President's proclamation, flags will be flown at half-staff beginning immediately, until sunset on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, as a mark of respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	[News Release]
10/29/18	**Trick-or-Treaters Invited to Governor's Residence**	All little ghosts and ghouls are invited to celebrate Halloween at the Governor's Residence – if they dare (1006 Summit Avenue, St. Paul). The gates of the Governor's Residence will be open from 5:00–7:00pm.	[News Release]

10/30/18	**Statement on Metropolitan Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff**	The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis announces that Alene Tchourumoff, Chair of the Metropolitan Council, will serve as its next Senior Vice President of Community Development and Engagement. Governor Dayton issues a statement.	[News Release]
11/5/18	**Governor Dayton Secures Major Disaster Declaration for Kanabec County**	Governor Dayton announces that a Major Disaster Declaration has been expanded to include emergency relief for Kanabec County, which sustained an estimated $800,000 in eligible damages during a severe weather incident in July 2018.	[News Release]
11/6/2018	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Cook County**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for emergency relief in Cook County. Areas of Cook County experienced significant damage to public properties caused by a severe windstorm in early October. The storm began October 3, 2018 and lasted through October 4, 2018.	[News Release]
11/7/2018	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Earl Bakken Day" in Minnesota**	In honor and remembrance of Minnesota engineer, business leader, and philanthropist Earl Bakken, Governor Dayton proclaims Wednesday, November 7, 2018, as "Earl Bakken Day" in the State of Minnesota. Mr. Bakken was a leader in medical technology, an accomplished entrepreneur, and a lifelong humanitarian.	[News Release]
11/8/2018	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Attack in Thousand Oaks, California**	Governor Dayton has directed all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota. As directed by the President Trump's proclamation, flags will be flown at half-staff beginning immediately, until sunset on Saturday, November 10, 2018, as a mark of respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence in Thousand Oaks, California.	[News Release]

11/13/2018	**Governor Dayton Announces "Free Park Friday" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton announces "Free Park Friday" in Minnesota, highlighting that entrance fees to all Minnesota state parks and recreation areas will be waived on Friday, November 23, 2018. Governor Dayton encourages all Minnesotans to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends on the day after Thanksgiving.	[News Release]
11/13/2018	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Diane Sims Page Day" in Minnesota**	In honor of Minnesota philanthropist Diane Sims Page, Governor Dayton has proclaimed Wednesday, November 14, 2018, as "Diane Sims Page Day" in Minnesota. Diane was an accomplished business leader, consultant, and entrepreneur, as well as the wife of Hall of Fame Minnesota Vikings player and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page.	[News Release]
11/19/2018	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Justice Alan C. Page Day" in Minnesota**	In honor of Justice Alan C. Page, Governor Dayton has proclaimed Monday, November 19, 2018, as "Justice Alan C. Page Day" in Minnesota. On Friday, November 16, 2018, the Hall of Fame Minnesota Vikings player and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice received the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.	[News Release]
11/20/2018	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Minnesota REAL ID Compliance**	The U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent a letter to Governor Dayton confirming that Minnesota is in full compliance with the REAL ID Act. Governor Dayton issued a statement after receiving the letter.	[News Release]
11/21/2018	**DNR, Dominium sign agreement to renovate 26 historic buildings at Fort Snelling Upper Post**	Officials from the Department of Natural Resources and Dominium, an affordable housing development and management company, sign a re-development agreement that will create an anticipated 176 units of affordable housing in the historic buildings at the Fort Snelling Upper Post, near the Fort Snelling Golf Course and Historic Fort Snelling.	[News Release]

11/21/2018	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Small Business Saturday" in Minnesota**	Governor Dayton has proclaimed Saturday, November 24, 2018, as "Small Business Saturday" in the State of Minnesota. The proclamation recognizes the contributions of small businesses, and encourages Minnesotans to support their local businesses with their patronage this holiday season.	[News Release]
11/21/2018	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Returning to the Residence**	Governor Dayton returned home to the Governor's Residence in Saint Paul today, following his surgeries and recovery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Governor Dayton will continue his physical therapy from the Residence.	[News Release]
11/26/2018	**Governor Dayton Authorizes Individual Assistance Program Specialist to Assist California with Recovery Following Devastating Fires**	Governor Dayton authorizes one Minnesota Individual Assistance Program Specialist from the Department of Public Safety to aid in disaster recovery assistance for the State of California. Devastating wildfires have burned extensively through Butte County in November, displacing Californians, causing loss of life, and destroying thousands of homes and public infrastructure. Governor Dayton approved this request for assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), to provide additional support and aid for people displaced from their homes by the wildfires.	[News Release]
11/28/2019	**FTA Announces Full Federal Funding of Orange Line BRT**	The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces it will be fully funding the federal share of $74.1 million for the METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, a 17-mile transitway planned for the region's busiest express bus corridor. The announcement means the $150.7 million project has now secured all funding, and can move into the final stage of construction. As a part of the METRO system, the Orange Line will connect people across the region to job centers, including major corridor employers like Best Buy, HealthPartners, Allina, Wells Fargo, and Toro.	[News Release]

11/29/2018	**Governor Dayton Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration**	Governor Dayton sends a letter to President Donald Trump requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration for St. Louis County. Between October 9 and October 11, 2018, a severe windstorm with wind gusts as high as 86 miles per hour and storm-surge flooding hit the county. In the letter, Governor Dayton describes damage across the City of Duluth from the powerful winds and flooding. Debris was found along the entire shoreline of the city.	[News Release]
11/30/2018	**Governor Dayton Invites Minnesotans to Celebrate the Holiday Season at the Minnesota Governor's Residence**	The Office of the Governor announces the opening of annual Holiday tours at the Minnesota Governor's Residence in Saint Paul.	[News Release]
11/30/2018	**Federal, State, and Local Officials Break Ground on Southwest LRT**	Partners from across the region joined the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County at a ceremonial groundbreaking of the Southwest Light Rail project. The $2.003 billion project will be the largest infrastructure project in the state's history and is expected to create 7,500 construction jobs, with an estimated $350 million payroll.	[News Release]
12/1/2018	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of President George H. W. Bush**	In honor and remembrance of President George H. W. Bush, and in accordance with an order issued by President Donald Trump, Governor Dayton has ordered all United States flags and Minnesota flags to be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota.	[News Release]
12/3/2018	**Governor Dayton Authorizes State Disaster Assistance for Eight Minnesota Counties and One Tribal Nation**	Governor Dayton authorizes the use of funds from the State Disaster Assistance Contingency Account for emergency relief in eight Minnesota counties and one tribal nation.	[News Release]
12/3/2018	**Governor Dayton Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**	Governor Dayton has proclaimed Friday, December 7, 2018, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Minnesota, in honor of the 77th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the more than 2,400 Americans who lost their lives in these attacks.	[News Release]
12/3/2018	**Department of Agriculture Announces 450,000 Acres of Farmland Have Been Enrolled in Water**	The Minnesota Department of Agriculture highlights the successes of the Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program, which has voluntarily enrolled 450,000 acres	[News Release]

	Quality Improvement Efforts	of farmland in conservation practices to improve water quality.	
12/3/2018	**Governor Dayton Appoints Members of the Minnesota Tourism Council and the Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**	Governor Dayton appoints members of the Minnesota Tourism Council and the Governor's Council on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.	[News Release]
12/6/2018	**Governor Dayton Reacts to the State Budget and Economic Forecast**	Following the release of the State Budget and Economic Forecast, Governor Dayton provides remarks at a State Capitol news conference detailing the fiscal and economic progress achieved since January 2011.	[News Release]
12/14/2018	**Governor Dayton Asks Garth Brooks for Encore Performance at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis**	Tickets for Garth Brooks' May 4th concert at U.S. Bank Stadium sold out for the concert in under 1 hour, but over 50,000 fans were in line, on the phone, or online when the last ticket was sold. Governor Dayton asks Garth Brooks to hold a second concert at US Bank Stadium to accommodate the enormous demand among Minnesotans, and fans across the region.	[News Release]
12/15/2018	**Governor Dayton Responds to MNsure Open Enrollment**	Following recent developments, Governor Dayton releases a statement on MNsure Open Enrollment.	[News Release]
12/17/2018	**Governor Dayton Holds Press Conference Call with Garth Brooks**	Following an enormous demand for tickets to Garth Brook's U.S. Bank Stadium concert, Brooks responds to Governor Dayton's request for a second Minneapolis show during a conference call with members of the press.	[News Release] [Audio]
12/18/2018	**Governor Dayton Proclaims "Joe Mauer Day" in Minnesota**	In honor of Minnesota sports icon Joe Mauer, Governor Mark Dayton is proclaiming Tuesday, December 18, 2018, as "Joe Mauer Day" in the State of Minnesota. On Friday, November 9, 2018, the four-time Major League Baseball All-Star winner announced his retirement from professional baseball following the recent completion of the 2018 season.	[News Release]
12/20/2018	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Twin Metals**	Governor Dayton responds after the U.S. Bureau of Land Management began the process of renewing federal mineral leases for Twin Metals Minnesota near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).	[News Release]
12/21/2018	**Statement from Governor Dayton on Enbridge Line 3**	Governor Dayton responds following the Minnesota Department of Commerce decision to appeal the	[News Release]

		Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's granted certificate of need and pipeline routing permit for the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project.	
12/21/2018	**Governor Dayton Appoints Todd M. Fellman, Michelle A. Hatcher, and Angela J. Willms to Fill Fourth Judicial District Vacancies**	Governor Dayton announces the appointments of Todd M. Fellman, Michelle A. Hatcher, and Angela J. Willms as District Court Judges in Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District.	[News Release]
12/24/2018	**Governor Dayton Appoints Patricia Alander Aanes and Charles D. Halverson to Fill Ninth Judicial District Vacancies**	Governor Dayton announces the appointments of Patricia A. Aanes and Charles D. Halverson as District Court Judges in Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District.	[News Release]