



STATE of MINNESOTA,

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota leads the state in building and sustaining quality mentoring for every child; and

WHEREAS: Youth mentoring programs build and strengthen their programs using the *Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™* (EEP), the industry's best practices for mentoring, which are based on mentoring policies, practitioner experiences, and research; and

WHEREAS: Research shows that youth involved in mentoring are fifty-two percent less likely to skip school, forty-six percent less likely to start using drugs, and twenty-seven percent less likely to start drinking; and

WHEREAS: Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota works individually with mentoring programs in Minnesota to improve program quality using its Quality Mentoring Assessment Path (QMAP), a process and tool based on the EEP, and designed to help programs identify strengths and weaknesses in order to improve future program practices that produce stronger youth outcomes; and

WHEREAS: Collaborative mentoring programs that are supported by schools; businesses; government; law enforcement; service clubs; social service organizations; and the media, give youth a better chance to become contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS: Communities celebrate mentors for their dedication to youth through "Thank Your Mentors Day" on January 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS: Mentoring Youth provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of mentoring programs and adult mentors for their commitment to youth and to raising community awareness of the importance of mentoring.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2012 as:

MENTORING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE