



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 2011 has already seen 125 traffic fatalities in the State of Minnesota, with distracted drivers being the cause in 25% of the accidents; and
- WHEREAS: Car crashes occur within an average of three seconds after a driver gets distracted, and a distracted driver can be more dangerous than a driver with an 0.08% blood alcohol level; and
- WHEREAS: Distracted driving behavior is not confined to a single cause, age group, level of education, or driver demographic; and
- WHEREAS: Driver distraction is approaching epidemic proportions, and all of us must examine our driving habits and pledge to protect each other on the road through distraction-free driving behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2011 as:

DISTRACTION-FREE DRIVING DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of July.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR



Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE