



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: According to the National Golf Foundation, Minnesota consistently ranks at the top in golfer participation in the United States, with more than 700,000 Minnesotans playing golf, and Minnesota ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the United States in number of golf courses; and

WHEREAS: Golf in Minnesota is a \$1.2 billion industry, employing more than 34,600 people with \$776.7 million in total wage income; and

WHEREAS: There are numerous programs for juniors of all economic status to get involved in golf and grow the sport in Minnesota: The Minnesota Golf Association, the Minnesota Section PGA, the First Tee, the Fairway Foundation, the Minnesota Minority Junior Golf Association, and the Ladies Professional Golf Association all provide programs to introduce juniors to the game; and

WHEREAS: Nationally, Minnesota is recognized as a leader in the golf industry, and golf visitors ranked Minnesota fourth among a list of golf destinations behind only Florida, Arizona, and South Carolina ; and

WHEREAS: More than \$52.4 million in charitable contributions were made in 2006 to hospitals, non-profit health associations, and other charitable groups from golf tournaments in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 29-May 8, 2011 to be the

## Minnesota Golf Opener



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 14th day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE