



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In darkness and daylight, from dirt roads to multi-lane highways, from the warm spring afternoons to frigid winter mornings, Minnesota school bus drivers safely transport more than 760,000 precious students to and from school each day; and

WHEREAS: School bus drivers are important figures in children's lives, serving as a positive influence for students; and

WHEREAS: The school bus driving industry is the largest form of mass transit in Minnesota, and has worked hard to reduce its environmental impact through the use of alternative fuels and retrofitting old diesel engines; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that the use of school buses save the United States more than 2.3 billion gallons of fuel per year; and

WHEREAS: Students are nearly eight times safer riding to and from school in a school bus than in cars, thanks to rigorous vigorous safety standards for vehicles, drivers, as well as student training efforts; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, February 22, 2017, as:

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION 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 13th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE