

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The winter season offers many recreation opportunities, yet a multitude of "winter hazards" injure and kill many Minnesotans every year. However "winter hazards" are highly preventable and awareness of the hazards can help Minnesotans lower their risk; and
- WHEREAS: Blizzards, heavy snow, ice storms, high winds and sub-zero temperatures are common occurrences in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 70 percent of all home fires occur between December and March, and home heating devices are the leading causes of structural fires; and
- WHEREAS: Winter storms and weather conditions create hazardous driving conditions and Minnesotans need to be conscious of proper winter driving techniques, safe driving near snowplows and winter survival methods if stranded in a vehicle; and
- WHEREAS: Adequate insurance coverage protects Minnesotans from the financial catastrophe that may result from death, personal injury or property damage caused by "winter hazards"; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous Minnesotans become ill each year from pollutants and microbes carried through the confined air of heated buildings; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has joined with county and city emergency managers, the Minnesota Fire Chiefs' Association, the National Weather Service, Minnesota Safety Council, Insurance Federation of Minnesota, American Red Cross and the media to recognize the need for broad public education programs for "winter hazards";

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9 - 13, 1998 to be

Winter Hazard Awareness Week

in 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 ninth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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