

## STATE of MINNESOTA, Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The people of Minnesota value recreational opportunities and access to waterways and natural resources, with the state being home to over 1,000 recreational boating facilities that provide safe, reliable gateways to Minnesota

waterways; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota Clean Marina Program is a voluntary, incentive-based, nonprofit program, which encourages marina operators and recreational boaters to protect water quality by engaging in environmentally sound operating and maintenance

procedures; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's marinas serve as stewards of the environment, actively seeking to protect surrounding waterways for the enjoyment of today's generation, and generations to come; and

WHEREAS:

Joining coalitions in 30 other states, Minnesota's marinas have banded together in a cooperative venture to establish and implement best environmental management practices to ensure the quality of Minnesota waterways; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota's marinas have designated January 31 to February 3, 2013, as Minnesota Clean Marina Weekend, to honor the establishment of the Minnesota Clean Marina Program; recognize certified Minnesota marinas for their contributions as environmentally friendly leaders in the boating industry; and raise awareness of the importance of improving the health of Minnesota's waterways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 31 to February 3, 2013 as:

## CLEAN MARINA WEEKEND

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of January.

GOVERNOR

Mark Pitchie SECRETARY OF STATE