

STATE of MINNESOTA

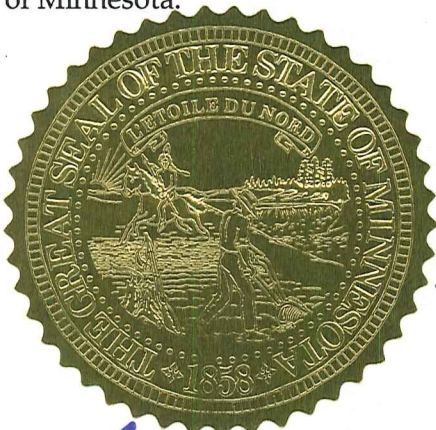
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Telephones provide a lifeline to emergency help and a vital link to services, resources, family, and friends; and
- WHEREAS: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission have collaborated to make telephone service more affordable for low-income consumers by providing a discount on connection fees and monthly charges for local telephone service; and
- WHEREAS: The Link-Up America (Link-Up) and Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) programs offer tremendous benefits for eligible consumers in America and make basic telephone service more affordable; and
- WHEREAS: The Link-Up program provides a generous discount to consumers on the installation of telephone service in their homes; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC has established Enhanced Link-Up and Lifeline programs for Tribal Lands; and
- WHEREAS: The Link-Up and Lifeline programs will help ensure that all citizens have access to affordable basic local telephone service; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), and other agencies, cities, counties, organizations, and telecommunications companies are committed to increasing awareness about the availability of the Link-Up and Lifeline programs and are encouraging eligible citizens to sign up for the programs; and
- WHEREAS: The FCC, NARUC, and NASUCA have joined together to design and implement a comprehensive outreach plan to increase Link-Up and Lifeline subscribership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLNTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 12 - 18, 2010, as:

MINNESOTA LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK

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 16th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-second.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE