



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nearly thirty-nine percent of Minnesota's high school students are current tobacco users; and
- WHEREAS: Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in Minnesota and nationwide; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 5,618 deaths in Minnesota annually are attributed to tobacco use; and
- WHEREAS: The World Health Organization predicts that by 2020, tobacco will become the leading cause of death and disability, killing more than 10 million people each year, thus causing more deaths worldwide than HIV, tuberculosis, maternal mortality, car accidents, suicide and homicide combined; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1988, the World Health Organization has observed World No Tobacco Day annually on May 31st as the only global event dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and promoting a tobacco-free environment; and
- WHEREAS: Tobacco use affects athletic performance by decreasing lung growth and lung function and increasing heart rate and blood pressure; and
- WHEREAS: The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2002 is Tobacco Free Sports.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that, Friday, May 31, 2002 shall be observed as:

World No Tobacco Day

in the State of Minnesota. Furthermore, communities throughout Minnesota are encouraged to observe the day with tobacco-free sports events and youth recreation activities.



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 5th day of April in the year two thousand and two and of the State the one hundred forty-third.

Mary Kiffmeyer
SECRETARY OF STATE

Jesse Ventura
GOVERNOR