STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Healthy attitudes about sexuality are essential to raising responsible, self-reliant children; and

WHEREAS: Parents and primary caregivers are the primary sources of sexuality education for their children; and

WHEREAS: Parents and primary caregivers believe they should talk to their kids about sex but often don’t know what to say, how to say it, or when to start; and

WHEREAS: Parents and primary caregivers need support from family, friends, neighbors, schools, community organizations, and institutions to reinforce healthy attitudes toward sexuality; and

WHEREAS: "Let’s Talk Month” is a national and statewide initiative that supports partnerships between families and their communities in order to help foster positive attitudes about sexuality and to promote open and honest conversation with children about relationships and sexuality; and

WHEREAS: Working together, parents, primary caregivers, and their communities can provide the information and support necessary to prepare today’s youth for their responsibilities as adults and parents of the future.

Now, therefore, I, Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009, to be:

LET’S TALK MONTH

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 seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie
SECRETARY OF STATE