

## STATE OF MINNESOTA

### PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS: Parents and primary care givers 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 care givers need support from family, friends, neighbors, schools community organizations and institutions to reinforce in their children healthy attitudes toward sexuality; and

WHEREAS: "Let's Talk Month" is a national, statewide and metropolitan area initiative that supports partnerships with families and their communities in their efforts to help foster positive attitudes about sexuality and to talk with their children openly and honestly 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 the responsibilities as adults and parents of tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **TIM PAWLENTY**, Governor of Minnesota, proclaim the month of October 2008 to be:

Let's Talk Month in the State of Minnesota

Tim Pawlenty  
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie  
Secretary of State