



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a disease of the motor neurons, the muscle-controlling nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of ALS is not known, no cures exist, and the survival rate is typically three to five years beyond diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 5,600 adult Americans are found to have ALS each year, and as many as 30,000 Americans have ALS at any given time; and
- WHEREAS: In the United States, ALS is known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, named for the New York Yankees baseball player who died of the affliction in 1941; and
- WHEREAS: The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is the world leader among voluntary health agencies in fighting ALS, and in 2013, it will commit over \$22 million over three years for health care services for people living with ALS; and
- WHEREAS: The MDA ALS Division offers the most comprehensive range of services of any voluntary health agency in the nation and leads the search for better treatments and a cure through its aggressive, worldwide research program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as:

ALS AWARENESS 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 27th day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE