



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called "multiple" because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and
- WHEREAS: Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 80,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and
- WHEREAS: Once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers of people under 65; and
- WHEREAS: Because Myeloma is a rare disease there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason, an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and
- WHEREAS: Continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients; and
- WHEREAS: Although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to finding a cure for Myeloma and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from Myeloma, and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2015 as:

MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage all residents to join us in participating in voluntary activities to support Myeloma Education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.



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 12th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE