



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Heart Association, and the American Stroke Association, atrial fibrillation is the most common type of irregular heart rhythm, and occurs in roughly 2.7 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Atrial fibrillation and other arrhythmias occur when the electrical activity of the heart is disorganized, causing an irregular heartbeat that disrupts the flow of blood through the heart; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with atrial fibrillation have a five times greater risk of stroke, and approximately 15 percent of strokes are due to atrial fibrillation. Stroke is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability and the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, with one person dying from stroke every four minutes, killing roughly 130,000 people nationwide, and over 2,000 Minnesotans each year; and

WHEREAS: Between 2010 and 2030, stroke prevalence in the United States is projected to increase by 24.9 percent, and the direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by 238 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010, to \$95.6 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS: Atrial fibrillation is a serious health issue and an increase in community awareness of the condition and its complications can improve the likelihood that people will seek treatment before suffering devastating consequences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014, as:

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION 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 15th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE