



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: As a community and state, we honor those lost to the growing epidemic of overdose-related death; support those who struggle with drug use or abuse; and reinforce the belief that no one should feel shame or disgrace due to an overdose-related death of a loved one; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative to recognize that every human being is worthy of our best efforts to prevent injury and death from overdose. Overdose Awareness Day reminds us to support overdose prevention projects and to help the wider community understand that drug overdose is a social issue, which impacts not only the victim, but families, friends, and the community; and

WHEREAS: Overdose Awareness Day provides an opportunity to recognize that painkillers and other prescription medications play an important role in our well-being, and that misusing or abusing these drugs can have tragic and long-term consequences; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans have a proud tradition of collaboration with international events as part of our active participation as global citizens. International Overdose Awareness Day is celebrated on Sunday, August 31, 2014, by thousands of people who will stand beside friends and families of fatal overdose victims to remember those who have been lost to overdose; to support those who are left behind; and to recommit to overdose prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 31, 2014, as:

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

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 25th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE