



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 68 American children falls on the autism spectrum – a ten-fold increase during the past forty years – making autism the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and
- WHEREAS: The effort to address autism continues; early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and support are vital to future growth and development for all individuals with autism and their families; and
- WHEREAS: Doctors, therapists, and educators can help people with autism overcome and adjust to its challenges; and
- WHEREAS: People living with autism should have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is honored to take part in the observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day, in hopes that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder as well as celebrating the unique talents and skills of a people with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 2, 2015, as:

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

and the month of April 2015, as Autism 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 13th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE