



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and
- WHEREAS: Each year in the United States about 36,000 children are born with a congenital heart defect; and
- WHEREAS: The medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and
- WHEREAS: Medical research can provide us a better understanding of the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defects; and
- WHEREAS: It is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and other medical professionals have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides affected families and patients the opportunity to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that everyone can be made more aware of how congenital heart defects affect our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7-14, 2015, as:

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

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 16th day of January.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE