



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and potentially life-threatening genetic disorder that causes individuals to suffer various symptoms, such as: pain, sweating abnormalities, intolerance to heat and exercise, gastrointestinal upset, fatigue, anxiety, and depression. The symptoms of Fabry disease can occur differently for every individual, and often causes premature death in adults due to heart disease, strokes, and kidney failure; and
- WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, which causes an insufficient breakdown of lipids. Lipids build up to harmful levels in the body, causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and
- WHEREAS:** There is an approved treatment for Fabry disease for people who have been diagnosed. Fabry disease is severely under-recognized and misdiagnosed. Increased education for physicians and families is critical to raise consciousness of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Fabry disease is estimated to occur in approximately 1 in 40,000 to 60,000 males, and as many as twice this number of females may be carriers of the gene change for Fabry disease, and may have some of the clinical symptoms of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Health care providers and families should be aware of Fabry disease symptoms and should know that, if suspected, an enzyme assay test will diagnose Fabry disease in symptomatic males, and a molecular DNA test may be useful for identifying females carriers of this treatable disorder. Together, we can raise awareness to fight this tragic and treatable disorder.

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

FABRY DISEASE 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 12th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE