



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: It is estimated that more than 600,000 people in the United States have Lynch Syndrome, but less than 5% of those are currently diagnosed, and approximately one in every thirty-five individuals with colorectal cancer have Lynch Syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Lynch Syndrome is a hereditary predisposition presenting a high lifetime risk of contracting a litany of cancers, including up to an 85% lifetime risk of colon cancer, 65% lifetime risk of endometrial cancer and higher than average risks of contracting ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and other cancers, often at an early age; and

WHEREAS: Knowing one's family medical history of cancers may prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS: A positive genetic test could increase cancer screening, potentially leading to cancers being detected early and treated or removed, often before becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS: The numbers of cancer deaths could be reduced as a result of public awareness of Lynch Syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 22, 2015, as:

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER 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 12th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE