WHEREAS: Sarcoma cancers are rare and often aggressive cancers that grow in the bones, muscles, and soft tissues of the body; and

WHEREAS: Sarcoma cancers are often diagnosed too late for effective treatment, while early diagnosis and proper treatment would lead to increased survival rates; and

WHEREAS: Sarcoma cancers are among the most common cancers occurring in children and young adults, and are too often misdiagnosed as athletic or other injuries; and

WHEREAS: In collaboration with the University of Minnesota, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic, the Karen Wyckoff Rein in Sarcoma Foundation will launch its “Red Flags of Sarcoma” Educational Campaign to raise awareness and educate the public and medical profession about sarcoma cancers. The 13th Annual Party in the Park at Como Park in Saint Paul, Minnesota, held on July 22, 2013, is expected to attract more than 1,500 sarcoma patients, survivors, loved ones, and supporters from throughout Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 21 – 27, 2013, as:

SARCOMA CANCER 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 10th day of July.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Dayton
SECRETARY OF STATE