



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis affect 1 in 200 Americans, including approximately 25,000 Minnesotans. Each year, 70,000 new patients are diagnosed nationally, with children under 18 comprising the fastest-growing patient group; and
- WHEREAS: Crohn's and Colitis are painful, medically incurable diseases that affect quality of life and can even be life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS: Although great strides have been made to provide improved therapies and new treatments for patients, a cure for these debilitating diseases is still ten years away; and
- WHEREAS: The total annual financial burden for treating these diseases is \$2.2 billion due to physician office visits, prescription drugs, hospitalizations, and lost productivity; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a tradition of supporting Crohn's and Colitis patients as evidenced by the passage of the Restroom Access Act in 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 1-7, 2014, as:

CROHN'S AND COLITIS 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 21st day of November.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE