



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Children and adults living with a mental illness experience shame and discrimination in many aspects of their lives; and
- WHEREAS: The average length of time for untreated psychosis is 74 weeks, and early intervention provides an opportunity for early treatment and its benefits; and
- WHEREAS: Lack of treatment can lead to not finishing school, unemployment, homelessness, incarceration, and other poor outcomes; and
- WHEREAS: The stigma surrounding mental illnesses prevents our society from treating children and adults with mental illnesses with dignity and respect; and
- WHEREAS: Mental Illness Awareness Week is an opportunity for all Minnesotans to take stock of how people with mental illnesses are treated on a daily basis, and reflect on what changes need to be made to strengthen our mental health system, to ensure we are taking care of people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2014, as:

MENTAL ILLNESS 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 24th day of September.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE