



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Myocarditis is characterized by inflammation of the myocardium, which is the muscular tissue of the heart. Myocarditis can affect the muscle cells of the myocardium and the specialized electrical conduction pathways, leading to irregular rhythms, very fast or slow heart rates, palpitations, and loss of consciousness; and
- WHEREAS: The tragedy of myocarditis is that it usually occurs in young, otherwise healthy people; however, anyone can be susceptible. Almost 20 percent of all cases of sudden death in young adults are attributed to myocarditis; and
- WHEREAS: There are many causes of myocarditis, including viral infections; autoimmune disorders; environmental toxins; and adverse drug reactions; and
- WHEREAS: Myocarditis is a poorly understood, often undiagnosed illness, which can rapidly progress to heart failure and death. With increased awareness, lives may be saved; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of myocarditis as a serious health crisis, and more must be done to increase activity at the state, local, and national levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, May 7, 2014, as:

MYOCARDITIS 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 28th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE