STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Pallister Killian syndrome (PKS) is a rare disorder resulting from having an extra chromosome made up of two copies of the short (p) arm of chromosome 12. The creation of this extra chromosome is typically a random event, which occurs at conception; and

WHEREAS: Children with PKS suffer from low muscle tone; seizures; severe, global developmental delays; hearing loss; and other birth defects; and

WHEREAS: Fewer than 300 cases of PKS have been diagnosed worldwide; however, the incidence may be much higher. Diagnostic difficulties, challenges in testing, and lack of awareness of the condition are the main reasons for undiagnosed cases; and

WHEREAS: Increased research and education, and greater awareness within the medical and local community will aid in early diagnosis of children and benefit families and caregivers of children affected by the syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 3, 2014, as:

PALLISTER KILLIAN SYNDROME 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 21st day of November.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE