



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Perinatal stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2,800 live births, and pediatric stroke occurs in 12 in 100,000 children every year. Infant or childhood stroke is fatal 20 to 40 percent of the time, making stroke the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS: Between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, residual neurologic disabilities, including paralysis on one side; seizures; speech and vision problems; and attention, learning, and behavioral difficulties, which may require ongoing physical or rehabilitation therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS: The life-long health concerns and treatments following pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, family, and society; and

WHEREAS: Little is known about the cause and prevention of pediatric stroke, and because risk factors, symptoms, and diagnosis are often different when treating children, new neonatal and further medical research is urgently needed to identify effective treatment and prevention strategies for perinatal and pediatric stroke; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness, and early diagnosis and treatment of pediatric stroke greatly reduces risk of recurrence and can improve a child's chances of survival, recovery, and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides programs, services, and advocacy to increase public awareness of pediatric stroke.

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

PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

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 25th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE