



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Urea Cycle Disorders are rare diseases, occurring at an overall incidence of at least 1 in 35,000 births, and likely higher. Newborns affected with Urea Cycle Disorders can develop severe, life-threatening symptoms within the first few days of life; and
- WHEREAS: Newborn screening currently does not reliably detect all Urea Cycle Disorders. In the Urea Cycle Disorders that can currently be detected by newborn screening, neonates can develop symptoms prior to availability of the screening results; and
- WHEREAS: Urea Cycle Disorders may present in adults due to a number of factors, making the disorders more difficult to recognize, and may be mistaken for other types of liver or metabolic diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Urea Cycle Disorders are lifelong, and impact the individual, their family, and their community; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of Urea Cycle Disorders are variable in severity, and can result in severe brain injury and a need for intensive medical intervention. With new medical advances, a change is occurring toward improved survival and hope for individuals living with Urea Cycle Disorders; and
- WHEREAS: UCD Survivors is a group of people living with and supporting individuals coping with Urea Cycle Disorders, and strives to improve the quality of life for individuals with these disorders through raising awareness, support, and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as:

UREA CYCLE DISORDERS 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 21st day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE