



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sarcoma cancers are rare and often aggressive cancers that grow in the bones, muscles, and soft tissues of the body; and
- WHEREAS: Sarcoma cancers are often diagnosed too late for effective treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Sarcoma cancers are among the most common cancers occurring in children and young adults and are too often misdiagnosed as an athletic or other injury; and
- WHEREAS: Earlier diagnosis and proper treatment of sarcoma tumors could lead to increasing survival rates by as much as 20% which would save thousands of lives; and
- WHEREAS: The Rein in Sarcoma Foundation has launched a major educational initiative to raise awareness and educate the public and the medical profession about sarcoma cancers in collaboration with Childrens Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, The Mayo Clinic, the University of Minnesota, Regions Hospital and HealthPartners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2019, as:

## SARCOMA 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of June.



GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE