



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Clostridiodes Difficile, also known as C. Difficile or C. Diff, is a bacterium that causes inflammation of the colon; and
- WHEREAS: According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 500,000 patients nationwide are diagnosed with C. Difficile and require treatment each year; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, nearly 29,000 individuals affected by C. Difficile die within 30 days of initial diagnosis, with roughly 15,000 deaths being directly attributed to C. Difficile infections; and
- WHEREAS: C. Difficile is the most common microbial cause of healthcare-associated infections in American hospitals, and instances of C. Difficile costs up to \$4.8 billion each year in excess healthcare costs in acute care facilities alone, and
- WHEREAS: Improved health practices, including careful use of antibiotics and proper hand washing can significantly reduce the risk of C. Difficile infections. Additionally, greater public awareness of C. Difficile and further research is necessary to expand treatment options and provide affected individuals with an improved quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: The health and safety of all in Minnesotans is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of our families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as:

C. DIFFICILE 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 October.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Simon", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE