



STATE of MINNESOTA

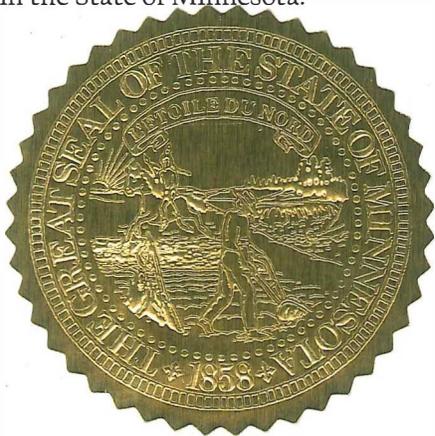
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency can result in life-threatening lung disease in children and adults; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS: Alpha-1 is widely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed; less than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed with Alpha-1; and
- WHEREAS: It sometime takes an average of 5 doctors and 7 years from the time symptoms appear before a proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious, hereditary disorder; and
- WHEREAS: During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place to educate the public and the medical community on the detection and treatment of Alpha-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2016, as:

ALPHA-1 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 28th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE