



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Chronic pain is a costly and growing concern throughout the United States, and thousands of Minnesotans suffer from chronic pain caused by various injuries, diseases, and disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Back pain is the leading cause of disability for Americans under the age of 45, and chronic pain is the leading cause of lost workdays. In fact, chronic pain costs an estimated \$100 billion in lost productivity every year and results in higher health care costs; and
- WHEREAS: The incidence of chronic pain in children and adolescents in the United States is approaching 25% of the population, with up to 5% of these youth experiencing pain so debilitating they cannot attend school or participate in daily activities with peers and family; and
- WHEREAS: The American Chronic Pain Association and the American Society for Pain Management Nursing – Upper Midwest Chapter have combined their efforts to improve the quality of life for people with chronic pain; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain will help facilitate better outcomes, increased access to pain management treatment, and improved quality of life for those suffering from chronic pain.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, as:

CHRONIC PAIN 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 19th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE