



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are the result of prenatal exposure to alcohol, which is the leading cause of preventable birth defects and developmental disabilities in Minnesota and the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, as many as 8,500 children born in Minnesota may be adversely affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol, and FASD affects one percent of live births nationally; and
- WHEREAS: Children and adults with FASD often have problems with learning, attention span, memory, and problem solving. They may be at high risk for trouble in school, difficulty with the law, alcohol and drug problems, homelessness, unemployment, and mental health disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Economists estimate that the lifetime cost of each individual with FASD in Minnesota is \$2 million, including medical treatment, special education, residential care, and loss of productivity when sufferers are unable to work; and
- WHEREAS: There is no cure for FASD, but it is preventable if women do not drink alcohol when they are pregnant; and
- WHEREAS: On March 19, 2013, the Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is organizing FASD Day at the Capitol, an opportunity to bring together and show support for those living with FASD, their families, caregivers, and legislators and raise awareness of the importance of preventing prenatal exposure to alcohol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2013 as:

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

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 18th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE