



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The National Ataxia Foundation strives to locate patients and persons at risk of ataxia, encourages a complete neurological examination to make early and correct diagnosis, increases awareness about ataxia, works to prevent ataxia, and supports research projects to better understand the pathology and causes of the ataxias; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 150,000 individuals are affected by hereditary and sporadic ataxia in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Ataxia is an often fatal degenerative neurological disorder that affects balance, coordination, and speech; and

WHEREAS: Ataxia can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender; and

WHEREAS: There is no known cure of Ataxia, and the only defense is research and prevention through education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 25, 2015, as:

## ATAXIA 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE