



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Close to 37,000 Americans will be diagnosed with oral or pharyngeal cancer this year; and
- WHEREAS: Despite not being hard to discover or diagnose, this cancer has a high death rate due to its usually being discovered late in its development; and
- WHEREAS: The majority of people diagnosed with oral cancer are over the age of 40, but it is now being discovered more frequently in younger ages; and
- WHEREAS: There is a need to drive public awareness of oral cancer and the need for annual screenings for this disease; and
- WHEREAS: Screening for early signs of oral cancer is not invasive and includes no pain or discomfort.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as:

ORAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage citizens to visit a participating dental office for an annual oral cancer screening.



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 21st day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE