



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota's organ transplant program is one of the oldest and most successful programs of its kind in the world; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota's organ transplant program has been committed to helping people live longer, healthier lives since 1963, when the first kidney transplant was performed; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota has performed more than 10,000 transplants over the past 50 years, performing heart, heart/lung, intestinal, kidney, liver, lung, and pancreas transplants for adults; and performing heart, intestinal, kidney, and liver transplants for children; and
- WHEREAS: For half a century, the University of Minnesota's organ transplant program has built and sustained a tradition of excellence and innovation in transplant research, education, and care that has led to extraordinary medical breakthroughs, including the world's first successful open-heart surgery, the Midwest's first successful double-lung transplant, and Minnesota's first living donor pediatric liver transplant; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota trains more transplant surgeons than any other medical school in the country and has alumni practicing around the world; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota is committed to continuing its international leadership in transplant medicine and its tradition of excellence in patient care, research, and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 18, 2013, as:

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ORGAN TRANSPLANT PROGRAM 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 17th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE