



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AAT Deficiency or Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world. It can result in life-threatening liver disease in children and adults and lung disease in adults; and

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations. An estimated 100,000 Americans and an estimated 25 million people in the United States carry a single deficient gene that causes Alpha-1 and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed. In fact, fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS: It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS: During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public and our medical community on Alpha-1, and detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

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

ALPHA-1 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 30th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE