



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and
- WHEREAS: More than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect each year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and
- WHEREAS: Today's medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defect; and
- WHEREAS: It is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how this defect affects our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7-14, 2016, as:

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

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 25th day of January.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE