



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri Du Chat Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Some common characteristics of Cri Du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential medical complications; and
- WHEREAS: "5p" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of therapists, medical, and educational professionals to help the child achieve his or her maximum potential; and
- WHEREAS: The 5p- Society of North America, the national support group for individuals with Cri Du Chat Syndrome, along with support organizations from around the world are proud to announce that May 1-7, 2016 will be designated as International Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Week; and
- WHEREAS: May 5, 2016 has been designated internationally as Cri Du Chat Syndrome Day; and
- WHEREAS: The 5p- Society serves as a state and national resource to provide comprehensive information and support for families, caregivers, providers and educators; and
- WHEREAS: There are many individuals with Cri Du Chat Syndrome living in Minnesota who are members of the 5p- Society and over 1,200 families in the country; and
- WHEREAS: The goals of Cri Du Chat Awareness Week are to end the outdated misinformation given to families when their child receives a diagnosis and to raise awareness for Cri Du Chat Syndrome on large scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2016, as:

## CRI DU CHAT 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE