



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder characterized by persistent or intermittent, involuntary muscle contractions causing repetitive, abnormal movements and/or postures; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that Dystonia affects over 300,000 people in the United States and Canada; and
- WHEREAS: Dystonia affects men, women, and children of all ages and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS: Trauma experienced by military service members can lead to the onset of Dystonia; and
- WHEREAS: Dystonia is a chronic disorder, but the vast majority of Dystonia cases do not impact cognition or intelligence nor shorten a person's life span; and
- WHEREAS: A Dystonia diagnosis may take years and is commonly misdiagnosed, delaying appropriate medical care. People who suffer from Dystonia often have limited access to specialized medical care; and
- WHEREAS: There are many treatments for Dystonia, but there is not yet a cure; and
- WHEREAS: The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation's Minnesota Support Group is sponsoring the Twin Cities Zoo Walk at the Como Zoo in Saint Paul, Minnesota on June 11, 2016; and
- WHEREAS: Dystonia Awareness Day will increase public awareness and foster understanding of the impact various forms of Dystonia have on those affected, their families and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 11, 2016, as:

DYSTONIA 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 26th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE