



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: This year marks the first observance of Minnesota Elder Financial Abuse Awareness Day, which endeavors to raise awareness about the impact of scams and fraud on seniors; and
- WHEREAS: Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota, a non-profit organization, provides free educational outreach to seniors and their families about the many facets of financial abuse, alerting seniors to attempted financial abuse and how to report such attempts; and
- WHEREAS: Seniors, ages 50-70, make up 41 percent of all those who suffer financial abuse; and
- WHEREAS: The total cost of financial abuse to seniors is \$36 billion and includes fraud, exploitation, and caregiver abuse; and
- WHEREAS: Financial abuse threatens not only the security of seniors, but also increases their chances of experiencing depression, anxiety, the inability to afford medical care and food, and ultimately, the forfeiture of independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, June 15, 2016, as:

ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE 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