



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota ranks above average on many health indicators; however, health equity remains a critical problem in our state; and
- WHEREAS: Community health workers are trusted, knowledgeable frontline health personnel who live and work in the communities they serve; and
- WHEREAS: Community health workers provide access and navigational support for social, mental, and health services in under-served and under-resourced communities; and
- WHEREAS: Community health workers increase access to healthcare while reducing overall healthcare costs to the state; and
- WHEREAS: Community health workers explain complex medical, social, and dental issues in a clear, compassionate, culturally-competent, and accurate manner to individuals and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Community health workers bridge the gap between the healthcare and human service systems and individuals, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Community Health Worker Alliance is a strong network of community health workers who focus on resolving health disparities and championing health equity for all communities in Minnesota and across the nation. In celebration of that work, the week of May 23 through May 27 will be Community Health Worker Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 23-27, 2016, as:

## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE