



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year in the United States, approximately 2,600 men are diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 450 men will die from the disease; and
- WHEREAS: The public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and
- WHEREAS: Due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and
- WHEREAS: In order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and
- WHEREAS: In remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 16 through October 22, 2016 as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2016, as:

MALE BREAST CANCER 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 12th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE