

## STATE of MINNESOTA

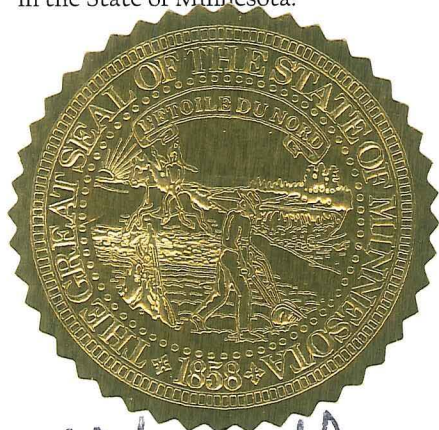
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Little People of America (LPA) is the largest and oldest nonprofit support organization for people with dwarfism in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Dwarfism is a medical condition, made up of over 200 types, resulting in shorter stature of the affected person; and
- WHEREAS: There are an estimated 1,000 people living in Minnesota with dwarfism, an estimated 30,000 people living with dwarfism in the United States, and an estimated 651,700 living with dwarfism in the world; and
- WHEREAS: The popularity of, and the need for LPA is at a historic high, growing from 20 members in 1957 to more than 6,500 members in 2011; and
- WHEREAS: LPA annually hosts national conferences which allow for people to meet others with the same medical conditions and for families of Little People to interact with each other; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a part of LPA District 9, and many Minnesotan Little People contribute to the success of the district by providing ideas, advocacy for others, and attendance for events; and
- WHEREAS: LPA dedicates itself to improving the lives of those with dwarfism and provides support and resources to its members for issues such as adoption, parenting, medical needs, conference and educational scholarships, advocacy and spreading awareness for dwarfism; and
- WHEREAS: Little people make the world, the United States, and the state of Minnesota better and more diverse places.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016, as:

## DWARFISM AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pimm*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 29<sup>th</sup> day of September.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR