



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Healthy attitudes and accurate information about sexuality are essential to raising responsible, self-reliant young people; and
- WHEREAS: Parents, primary care givers, and other caring adults are the primary sources of sexuality education for their children; and
- WHEREAS: Honest and appropriate conversations with young people about sexuality foster responsible and positive attitudes toward sexuality and promote healthy sexual behavior; and
- WHEREAS: Many parents find starting conversations with their children about sex difficult and need support and encouragement to start them; and
- WHEREAS: "Let's Talk Month" is a national and statewide initiative that supports partnerships between families and their communities in order to encourage positive attitudes about sexuality and promote open and honest dialogue with young people about relationships and sexuality; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Health joins with Advocates for Youth and other youth-serving organizations, volunteers, health care professionals, and communities in providing information, tools and support necessary to encourage communication between parents and children about healthy sexuality.

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

## LET'S TALK MONTH

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

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE