



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota seeks to protect, maintain, and improve the health of all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: The One Health Minnesota Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative has committed to promote judicious antibiotic use and reduce the impact of antibiotic-resistant pathogens of human, animal, and environmental health importance; and
- WHEREAS: Antibiotics are a critical weapon against infectious bacterial diseases that can harm people of all ages and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS: Extensive and often inappropriate use of antibiotics has resulted in the development of antibiotic resistance, which has threatened the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Antibiotics resistance is a major threat to health in the United States, causing more than two million illnesses and at least 23,000 deaths each year; and
- WHEREAS: Appropriate use of antibiotics is a key solution to address the threat of antibiotic resistance; and
- WHEREAS: Comprehensive education about antibiotics can facilitate a shift in the mindset and practices of healthcare workers and the general public, contributing to greater consistency in appropriate prescribing methods and uses of antibiotics; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Health is partnering with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physician organizations, health plans, local public health organizations, and consumer groups to educate health professionals and consumers about the appropriate use of antibiotics.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14-20, 2016, as:

## GET SMART ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE