



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and
- WHEREAS: While each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans and approximately 50,000 Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately half of all people with rare diseases are children of which 35% will not live more than a year and 30% will not see their fifth birthday and
- WHEREAS: Eradicating and combating rare diseases is made difficult from the fact there is no foundation supporting research for half of the identified present rare diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Health professionals throughout the world have not systematically considered rare diseases to be a public health issue and rare diseases have not been the focus of research programs due to a lack of data; and
- WHEREAS: Indian Consulate General and the Indian Organization for Rare Diseases is hosting the Indo-US Rare Diseases Conference at the University of Minnesota to raise awareness and knowledge of rare diseases, encourage more genetic testing on infants, and increase collaboration among medical professional throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 18, 2016, as:

RARE DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

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 17th day of November.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE