



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In the United States, it is estimated that more than 72,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Stomach cancer is included among the cancers marked by very low five-year survival rates; and
- WHEREAS: Out of the 24,500 individuals diagnosed each year in the United States, 11,000 will die within the first year; and
- WHEREAS: Eighty percent of stomach cancer is diagnosed at stage IV, a stage which has only a four percent five-year survival rate; and
- WHEREAS: Stomach cancer has increased in young adults ages 25 to 39 by seventy percent since 1977; and
- WHEREAS: The overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 28 percent, and mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years with stomach cancer continuing to be one of the leading causes of cancer related death; and
- WHEREAS: Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers, while pursuing the ultimate goal of making the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

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

## CURING STOMACH CANCER MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pinnon*

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR