



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, historically known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, and other types of cancers; and
- WHEREAS: This predisposition to a litany of cancers extends across a lifetime and cancers may onset at an early age —increased risks include up to 82% for colorectal cancer; up to 71% for endometrial cancer; up to 24% for ovarian cancer; up to 13% for gastric cancer, and up to 4-10% for urinary tract cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Geneticist have projected that up to 1,000,000 persons throughout the United States are living with Lynch syndrome; one in every 279 persons. Studies show that only 5-10% have been diagnosed, leaving up to 900,000 people more vulnerable to developing cancer that goes undetected longer; and
- WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis, through genetic testing, can improve cancer prevention through regular screening measures and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome and encourage all Minnesotans to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect information on their family history, and to consult with their healthcare providers in order to assess individuals' risks and take steps toward prevention and detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as:

## LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR