



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ in the body and causes heightened immunity, a condition that results in overreaction of the immune system, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues; and

WHEREAS:

Once thought to be a rare disease, sarcoidosis is now known to affect people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS:

The classic feature of sarcoidosis is the formation of granulomas- microscopic clusters of inflammatory cells that group together and interfere with organ function; and

WHEREAS:

Sarcoidosis most commonly targets the lungs and lymph nodes, but also can affect the skin, eyes, liver, salivary glands, sinuses, kidneys, heart, muscles, bones, brain, and nervous system; and

WHEREAS:

The exact cause of sarcoidosis is not known and research is ongoing; and

WHEREAS:

It is important to recognize those who demonstrate great courage and determination in their efforts to cope with the disease as well as their family members and other concerned individuals who engage in efforts to promote awareness, improved treatment, and support for those affected by sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS:

While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and improving diagnosis, there is still much to learn about sarcoidosis; and with increased research, the goal of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure is attainable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the Month of April, 2017 as:

SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS 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 31st day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE