



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting, most commonly affecting proximal muscles closest to the center of the body, specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and
- WHEREAS: LGMD is not a single disease, but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders, with more than 25 sub-types currently identified; and
- WHEREAS: LGMD is a progressive and debilitating condition that can begin at any age, which has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by LGMD may experience delays in diagnoses, difficulty finding medical experts, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and
- WHEREAS: Research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease; however, there is still no known cure or treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Due to a lack of public awareness, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS: An international collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2017; and patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers, and others across Minnesota will be participating.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 30, 2017, as:

## LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE