



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that approximately 500,000 *C. difficile* infections occur per year that require hospital treatment or affect those already hospitalized; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 29,000 patients die within 30 days of the initial diagnosis of *C. difficile*, of which about 15,000 deaths were estimated to be directly attributable to *C. difficile* infection; and
- WHEREAS: Studies indicate that *C. difficile* has become the most common microbial cause of health-care associated infections in U.S. hospitals and costs up to \$4.8 billion each year in excess health care costs for acute care facilities; and
- WHEREAS: One out of every five patients with a health-care associated *C. difficile* infection experience a recurrence of the infection, and one out of every nine patients aged 65 or older with a health-care associated *C. difficile* infection died within 30 days of diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS: Health-care facilities employ dedicated professionals who implement best practices that minimize and prevent the spread of *C. difficile* in order to protect patients and staff; and
- WHEREAS: Improved health practices such as hand hygiene and environmental cleaning can significantly reduce the risk and spread of *C. difficile* infections; and
- WHEREAS: Ensuring that healthcare workers receive infection prevention training is proven to reduce all types of healthcare costs associated with infections; and
- WHEREAS: The health and safety of all in Minnesota is important to the happiness, prosperity, and well being of our families and communities.

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

C. DIFFICILE INFECTION 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 27th day of October.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE