



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota College of Medicine and Surgery opened in October 1988 with 116 students following the merger of three private medical schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Owen H. Wangensteen, the Chief of Surgery at College, developed a suction device in 1931 to vacuum excess gasses and fluids in the stomach and intestine during surgery, which remains in use today; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota developed the Field Ration in 1941, known as the K-Ration, to provide American soldiers during World War II a source of non-perishable and ready-to-eat meals when deployed in the field; and
- WHEREAS: The first successful open-heart surgery using whole-body hypothermia and inflow stasis was performed at University of Minnesota in 1952; and
- WHEREAS: In 1954, Dr. C. Walton Lillehei and his team, two years after performing the first successful open-heart surgery, developed the technique of cross-circulation, making it possible for doctors to treat many more heart problems; and
- WHEREAS: Researchers at the University of Minnesota collaborated with Earl Bakken, founder of Medtronic, to develop the world's first portable, external cardiac pacemaker in 1958; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Robert Good conducted the first bone marrow transplant at the University of Minnesota in 1968; and
- WHEREAS: The School of Medicine on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus opened its doors to medical students in 1972; and
- WHEREAS: In 2007, the first bone marrow and cord blood transplant to treat recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (RDEB), a rare and fatal skin disease, was performed at the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota Medical School is leader in medical education and research, ensuring that Minnesotans across the state receive the care they need and developing innovations that improve the quality of life enjoyed by people around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 26, 2018, as:

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEDICAL SCHOOL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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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 24th day of April.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR