



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May 17, 2018, as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Day to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis remains relatively unknown even though more than 2 million people around the world are living with the condition and approximately 1 in every 3,000 newborns is diagnosed with it; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and
- WHEREAS: The disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for Neurofibromatosis; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient health care through its national NF Clinic Network; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is proudly celebrating 40 years of driving research, expanding knowledge, and advancing care for the NF community; and
- WHEREAS: Much remains to be done to raise public awareness of Neurofibromatosis to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as:

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

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