



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Williams Syndrome is a rare genetic condition that is present at birth, which affects as many as 30,000 individuals in the United States;
- WHEREAS: Williams Syndrome is characterized by medical and cognitive problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: The Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded in 1982, is a non-profit organization and the most comprehensive resource for individuals and families living with Williams Syndrome as well as for doctors, researchers, and educators; and
- WHEREAS: Through its efforts, including raising public awareness, funding critical new research, and providing valuable information and support to families, the WSA has improved the quality of life and futures of those affected by Williams Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Williams Syndrome Awareness Month, which includes events all across the United States, is an opportunity to generate awareness about Williams Syndrome and raise funding for critical WSA programs and initiatives; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans recognize and appreciate the work of the Williams Syndrome Association and the families and friends of those with Williams Syndrome for educating others about this rare disorder.

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

## WILLIAMS SYNDROME 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE