



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Ninety percent of adults who meet the medical criteria for addiction began using substances, including alcohol and marijuana, under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS: One in two teens using drugs and alcohol also have a mental health concern such as depression, anxiety, an eating disorder, self-harm disorder, or other condition; and
- WHEREAS: These alarming statistics underscore the importance of developing youth-specific prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions; and
- WHEREAS: Know the Truth, the substance abuse prevention program of MN Adult & Teen Challenge, annually conducts 1,300 presentations, speaks with 55,000 students, and visits 160 high schools and middle schools throughout Minnesota each year; and
- WHEREAS: Our Young Addicts connects with thousands of parents and addiction-treatment professionals every year through community events and online platforms to share experiences, resources, and hope; and
- WHEREAS: Know the Truth and Our Young Addicts have partnered together to co-host the 2018 "From Statistics to Solutions Conference" to address the underlying issues of youth substance use and the prevalence of co-occurring disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of licensed alcohol and drug counselors, social workers, school nurses, teachers, law enforcement officers, government officials, parents, and more will convene on May 10, 2018, to discuss and develop solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 10, 2018, as:

FROM STATISTICS TO SOLUTIONS 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 25th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE