

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and
- WHEREAS: Without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia are placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and
- WHEREAS: The primary and secondary impacts of apraxia diminish future independence and employment opportunities if not resolved or improved; and
- WHEREAS: Most children with apraxia of speech will learn to communicate with their own voices only if they receive early intervention and appropriate, intensive, and frequent speech therapy; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that there be greater public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Minnesota among community members, physicians, education professionals, policymakers, and elected officials; and
- WHEREAS: Insurance providers, schools, policymakers, and others are encouraged to recognize the critical need for adequate speech therapy and other services, so that the impact of this disorder is minimized, and affected children can become productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Children with apraxia and their families deserve our deepest respect for their efforts, determination, and resilience in the face of significant obstacles.
- WHEREAS: The fifth annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day will be held on May 14, 2018, during which awareness will be raised throughout Minnesota about Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 14, 2018 as:

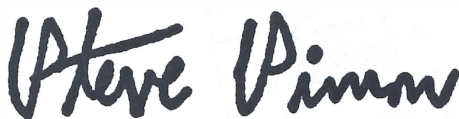
APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

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 13th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE