



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause; and
- WHEREAS: It is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the “flesh eating bug or virus”; and
- WHEREAS: The most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of normally healthy individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and hypertension; and
- WHEREAS: While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing fasciitis, but with increased research, the goal of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure are attainable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 31, 2018, as:

NECROTIZING FASCIITIS 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 18th day of May.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE