



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, debilitating, non-contagious, inflammatory skin condition for which there is no known cure; and
- WHEREAS: HS is considered an “orphan disease” characterized by clusters of abscesses or subcutaneous boil-like lesions that most commonly affects the underarms, under the breasts, inner thighs, groin, and buttocks; and
- WHEREAS: Outbreaks of HS are painful, and may persist for years with interspersed periods of inflammation and the process often forms open wounds that do not heal and may lead to significant scarring; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately one to four percent of the world’s population is affected by HS, with post pubescent individuals being more likely to exhibit symptoms; and
- WHEREAS: Those affected by HS often endure a severely diminished quality of life and experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS: Understanding and compassion for HS patients from family, friends, medical providers, and the public at large is vital; and
- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, recognize the struggles of those affected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4-10, 2018, as:

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK

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 31th day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE