



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is a common sexually transmitted infection that affects more than eight in ten Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: HPV infection is linked to six types of cancer in both men and women; and
- WHEREAS: HPV infection is believed to cause about 31,500 new cases of cancer in the United States each year; and
- WHEREAS: The incidence of HPV-associated cancers has risen since 1999 because of increases in oropharyngeal and anal cancer; and
- WHEREAS: HPV-associated cancers are highly preventable through the use of effective screening programs and the HPV vaccine; and
- WHEREAS: The HPV vaccine can prevent the majority of HPV related cancers if individuals receive the recommended vaccination before the age of 13; and
- WHEREAS: The HPV vaccine, which was first introduced on June 8, 2006, could prevent more than HPV-associated cancers; and
- WHEREAS: The commemoration of its anniversary could help increase awareness and understanding of the potential benefits of this vaccine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 8, 2018, as:

## HPV CANCER FREE 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE