



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: One out of every 2,229 individuals in the United States are born with gastroschisis; and
- WHEREAS: Many Americans living with gastroschisis experience serious and debilitating conditions that significantly impact the lives of those affected, including but not limited to, slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, causing patients and their families to bear heavy responsibility for research fundraising ; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of residents of Minnesota are among those affected by gastroschisis; and
- WHEREAS: An official Awareness Day proclamation is often the precursor to funding for research and other avenues of support; and
- WHEREAS: Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2018, and every year thereafter; and
- WHEREAS: Avery John Rauen, namesake of the AAGF, passed away from complications of his gastroschisis on July 30, 2009 at UNC hospital, with this date commemorating him and all others living with or deceased from gastroschisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 30, 2018, as:

GASTROSCHISIS 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 20th day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE