



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and
- WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by some form of muscular dystrophy; and
- WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy effects anyone regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS: In the fight against neuromuscular diseases, research has recently yielded four new drugs to treat four additional types of muscular diseases, compared to the previous five decades; and
- WHEREAS: Raising public awareness will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, and encourage much-needed funding of support services for families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Muscular Dystrophy Awareness month and Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2018, as:

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE