



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pulmonary fibrosis, also commonly referred to as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), is a serious disease that creates harmful scarring in the delicate lung tissue; and
- WHEREAS: Pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing individuals a limited quality of life, disability, or death within a few short years; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 200,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with IPF, and there is no official identified cause of the disease; and
- WHEREAS: Pulmonary fibrosis is often both misdiagnosed and under-diagnosed, with the need for increased awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder rapidly growing; and
- WHEREAS: Established in 2000, the nonprofit organization Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation unifies patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the general public by providing disease education and the latest information on advancements made in the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and
- WHEREAS: The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation also provides a vital source of funding for the continued research of IPF and potential cures, working diligently to foster conversation and collaboration between all those whose lives have been impacted by pulmonary fibrosis.

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

## GLOBAL PULMONARY FIBROSIS 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE