



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pain is a major health problem for children and adults and is the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and
- WHEREAS: The Institute of Medicine has found that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and
- WHEREAS: Pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life including the ability to work, sleep, and engage in social activities, as well as adversely impacting pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to educate, connect, inform, empower, and advocate on behalf of our over 80,000 members throughout the country, and all those who live with chronic pain; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Pain Foundation provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to good pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain.

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

PAIN 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 31st day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE