



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and severe neurological disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion on the 18<sup>th</sup> chromosome; and
- WHEREAS: Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by developmental delays, moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, breathing problems, epilepsy or recurrent seizures, gastrointestinal issues and distinctive facial features; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 750 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, however, given the fact that the discovery of the gene occurred in 2007, there are likely many other cases that remain undiagnosed; and
- WHEREAS: Given its rarity, online support groups play a pivotal role for individuals, families, and their loved ones in order to connect and increase awareness; and
- WHEREAS: The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation annually celebrates September 18<sup>th</sup> as International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day to raise awareness and funding for Pitt Hopkins research and this date was chosen to bring attention to the fact that it is a disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion on the 18<sup>th</sup> chromosome; and
- WHEREAS: The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is a volunteer organization of families and professionals dedicated to finding a cure for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome through the funding of research, education, and advocacy.
- WHEREAS: The Foundation's goal is to bring practical treatment into current medical practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> as:

## PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE