

## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, approximately 164,690 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States, and roughly 29,000 died this year from the disease - about one man every 20 minutes; and
- WHEREAS: One in nine men are diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime.
- WHEREAS: African American men are at the highest risk for the disease, with one in six men diagnosed during their lifetime. African American men are, in fact, 2.3 times more likely to die from the disease; and
- WHEREAS: Prostate cancer education, awareness, and early detection strategies are critical for saving lives and preserving and protecting families; and
- WHEREAS: All men - our friends, family members, neighbors, and colleagues - are at risk for prostate cancer; therefore, it is incumbent upon all Minnesotans to raise awareness of this disease and encourage the men in our lives to talk with their doctors about prostate cancer screenings for lifesaving early detection and treatment options.

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

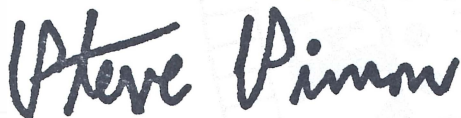
## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE