



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: It is important to accurately detect and test for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, which is a rare genetic condition caused by a deletion or other structural change of the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region, or a disease-causing mutation of the SHANK3 gene; and

WHEREAS: This microdeletion is rarely uncovered by typical genetic screenings, and therefore special additional testing is required; and

WHEREAS: Individuals, parents, and advocacy groups can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and its symptoms through scientific education opportunities and informational exchanges; and

WHEREAS: Although the range and severity of symptoms may vary, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is generally thought to be characterized by intellectual disability of varying degrees, delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays, and epilepsy; and

WHEREAS: It is important to raise awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, recognize caregivers and the Minnesotans who suffer from it, and promote education that will further inform citizens about this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 22, 2018 as:

PHELAN-MCDERMID 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 20th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE