



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, and it is estimated that about one in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1, and up to six percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene that causes Alpha-1 and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS: Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS: It often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnoses are made, which can be done using simple blood tests; and

WHEREAS: It is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious, hereditary, and often misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS: During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public, as well as the medical community, on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

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

ALPHA-1 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 10th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE