



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The good health and general well-being of the people of Minnesota is strengthened by awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as 4p- syndrome, with Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome being the most common manifestation; and

WHEREAS: The 4p- support group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p- syndrome — its incidence is one in 50,000 births, though many with the disorder remain undiagnosed. Children with 4p- syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and develop slowly, both cognitively and physically, experiencing medical complications while still maintaining pleasant and loveable personalities; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated professionals are involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools, and to offer hope to persons with 4p- syndrome; and

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon the citizens of Minnesota to work together to increase research to better understand the syndrome, to advocate for effective diagnostic screening, to support development of improved therapies for early intervention and other necessary and critical treatments, and to recognize and applaud the valuable role that families and advocates play in helping our medical community to advance knowledge and awareness of this syndrome; and

WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota is pleased to join people throughout the nation in promoting a special celebration to raise awareness of 4p- syndrome, in order to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with 4p- syndrome and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 16, 2014, as:

4P- /WOLF-HIRSCHHORN 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 7th day of April.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE