



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a disease of the motor neurons, the muscle-controlling nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary muscle movement; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of ALS is not known, no cures exist, and the survival rate is typically three to five years beyond diagnosis; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 5,000 adult Americans are found to have ALS each year, and as many as 30,000 Americans have ALS at any given time; and
- WHEREAS: In the United States, ALS is known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, named for the New York Yankees baseball player who died of the affliction in 1941; and
- WHEREAS: The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is the world leader among voluntary agencies in fighting ALS, and in 2012, it will commit over \$9.5 million for health care services for people living with ALS; and
- WHEREAS: The MDA ALS Division offers the most comprehensive range of services of any voluntary health agency in the nation, and leads the search for better treatments and a cure through its aggressive worldwide research program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May, 2012 as:

ALS 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 9th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Val Hall", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE