



STATE of MINNESOTA

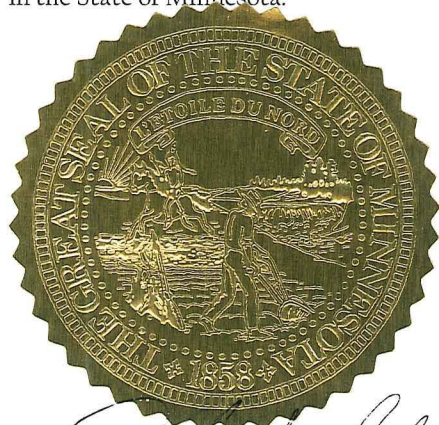
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society, established in 1913, as the American Society for the Control of Cancer, is celebrating a century of milestones in the fight against cancer; and
- WHEREAS: As the largest, nongovernmental, nonprofit funder of cancer research in the United States, the American Cancer Society has financed 46 Nobel Laureates since prioritizing cancer research funding in 1944; and
- WHEREAS: American Cancer Society researchers made the connection between lung cancer and smoking, which led to policy changes that have greatly reduced smoking rates. Its researchers also linked obesity to most types of cancer, including 14% of cancers in men and 20% of cancers in women; and
- WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society supported passage of the Cancer Act of 1971, establishing the National Cancer Institute, which contributes billions of dollars annually to cancer research; and
- WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society, along with its affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, gained support and passage of federal regulation over tobacco products; and
- WHEREAS: The largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, "Relay For Life," launched by an American Cancer Society volunteer, has raised over \$3 billion for research, education, advocacy, and service for cancer patients; and
- WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society opened the National Cancer Information Center, which receives nearly one million calls each year; and
- WHEREAS: Thanks in part to the efforts of the American Cancer Society, cancer death rates declined by 20% in the United States in 2012, representing over 1.2 million lives; and
- WHEREAS: On Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the American Cancer Society will celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 22, 2013, as:

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 16th day of May.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR