



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: An estimated 100,000 Minnesotans, more than two percent of the state population, currently live with a disability due to a brain injury; and
- WHEREAS: Brain injuries are the leading cause of death and disability for children and young adults; and
- WHEREAS: Due to the lack of awareness and the difficulty of diagnosing brain injury, many persons with brain injury live for years without recognizing their injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Even a mild traumatic brain injury can require extensive rehabilitation and loss of prior abilities, skills, and lifestyle changes; and
- WHEREAS: A high percentage of individuals with brain injuries who return to work and school have no noticeable physical injuries and are therefore given less recognition and accommodation than individuals living with more noticeable disabilities, thus hindering their maximum performance; and
- WHEREAS: Brain injuries touch individuals in every community in Minnesota, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, religion, age, and ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016, as:

BRAIN INJURY 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 29th day of February.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Pinnon".

SECRETARY OF STATE