



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Gastroschisis is a birth defect of the abdominal wall, where the baby's intestines move outside the body through a hole in the muscle, requiring immediate transfer and specialized repair; and
- WHEREAS:** Every year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 1,871 babies are born in the United States with gastroschisis. Minnesota birth defect surveillance records showed 3.8 infants per 10,000 births were treated for the condition from 2006 through 2010; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Americans born with gastroschisis live with serious and debilitating complications, including: failure to thrive/slow growth; short bowel syndrome; nutritional malabsorption; and long term feeding issues, which have a significant impact on their lives; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and families of all races and ethnicities living with gastroschisis complications experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty obtaining accurate diagnosis of the nutritional complications, few treatment options, and limited insurance coverage for treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Though the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, funding for research is limited, forcing patients and their families to bear a large share of the burden to determine risks and shape treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2014, and plans to continue the observance annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 30, 2014, as:

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS 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 21st day of July.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR