



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Approximately one in 2,229 individuals are born with gastroschisis in the United States and Minnesota annually; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans and Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that include failure to thrive/slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and patients and their families bear a large share of the burden of raising funds for research; and
- WHEREAS: Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation started a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2011. The founder of Avery's Angels set aside this date to honor his son, Avery, who died of the disease on June 30, 2009, and all others living with or deceased from gastroschisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2012 as:

## GASTROSCHISIS 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE