



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Academic research increasingly indicates gum disease is a possible precursor to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, certain forms of cancer, and even stillbirths; and

WHEREAS: While a majority of Americans suffer some degree of gum disease, less than half are aware of it and its serious health consequences; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is committed to promoting oral health through the availability of reliable oral health information, including how to prevent and treat gum disease. In the interest of public health, it is appropriate to raise awareness of advanced treatment options designed to address the symptoms of moderate to severe gum disease and the dangerous consequences of leaving it untreated; and

WHEREAS: Gum Disease Awareness Month encourages Minnesotans to take an active role in preventing gum disease with simple tools and habit changes that will improve their health and the health of their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013, as:

GUM DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage all citizens, agencies, and organizations interested in advancing oral health to take part in the dissemination of important health information designed to prevent and treat gum disease.



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 1st day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE