



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Personal health is not only affected by individual behavior and biology, but also by a variety of community factors — including social, economic, and environmental variables; and
- WHEREAS: Health disparities or inequities are types of unfair health differences closely linked to social, economic, and environmental conditions, which adversely affect groups of people; and
- WHEREAS: Health inequities are shaped by social and economic conditions and their negative effects on the opportunity people have to realize complete physical, social, and mental well-being; and
- WHEREAS: Health equity is achieved when every person has the opportunity to attain their health potential and no one is unjustly kept from achieving this potential; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Health found that everyone is affected by health inequities, because we can only be truly healthy if we are healthy together; and
- WHEREAS: Improving the health of those experiencing the greatest inequities — including Minnesota's populations of color; American Indians; rural Minnesotans; immigrants and refugees; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities; and persons with disabilities — will result in improved health for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 4, 2014, as:

HEALTH EQUITY 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 3rd day of April.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE