



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women, and within every ethnic population, in Minnesota, the United States, and the world as a whole in 2010; and
- WHEREAS: In the United States this year, about 222,520 new cases of lung cancer are estimated to be diagnosed (116,750 among men and 105,770 among women); and
- WHEREAS: Each year in the United States, there are an estimated 157,300 deaths from lung cancer (86,220 among men and 71,080 among women), accounting for about twenty-seven percent of all cancer deaths; and
- WHEREAS: This year in Minnesota, there will be an estimated 3,150 people who are diagnosed with lung cancer, and over 2,450 citizens will succumb to the disease; and
- WHEREAS: Causes of lung cancer include smoking, secondhand smoke, exposure to toxins and known carcinogens, radon, and genetic abnormalities; and
- WHEREAS: Eighty percent of lung cancer cases are diagnosed in people who have never smoked or who have quit smoking; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated ninety percent of lung cancer deaths among men and approximately eighty percent of lung cancer deaths among women are attributed to smoking; and
- WHEREAS: Lung cancer has a poor prognosis even with treatment; people with advanced, non-small cell lung cancer have a five-year survival rate of less than five percent; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness and coordination among all stakeholders—federal and state governments, providers, patient groups, community leaders and organizations, the public, businesses, and researchers—is critical to promote the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of lung cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November, 2011 to be:

## LUNG CANCER 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE