



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome (also referred to as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer, or HNPCC) is the most common cause of hereditary colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Those with Lynch syndrome have a greater lifetime risk of colon cancer, as high as 80 percent, and are often diagnosed at a younger age; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 2,500 colon cancer cases occur in Minnesota every year and an estimated two to four percent are caused by Lynch syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Those with Lynch syndrome are predisposed for several other cancers, including ovarian, uterine, stomach, pancreas, brain, and kidney cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Biological family members of an individual with Lynch syndrome are at significant risk for inheriting the condition; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 96 percent of Americans believe that knowing family medical history may save their lives, yet only one third ever gather and organize their family history; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans can be better protected from the physical, emotional, and financial burdens of cancer by organizing family medical history and increasing awareness of Lynch syndrome and hereditary cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2013 as:

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER 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 13th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE