



## 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%, with it often diagnosed at a younger age; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 2,500 colon cancer cases occur in Minnesota every year; of which an estimated 2 percent to 4 percent are Lynch syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Those with Lynch syndrome are also predisposed for several other cancers, including ovarian, uterine, stomach, pancreas, brain, and kidney; 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 their family medical history may save their lives, yet only one third ever gather and organize their family's health history; and
- WHEREAS: Knowing one's family medical history and consulting with a physician about when and how to get screened for colon cancer may be one of the most important things a person can do in prevention; and
- WHEREAS: Lives can be saved and Minnesotans can be better protected from the physical, emotional, and financial burdens of cancer through more emphasis on the importance of organizing family health history and increased awareness of Lynch syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE