



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Myasthenia Gravis is a rare and chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease affecting approximately 70,000 people in the United States without regard to race, age, or sex; and

WHEREAS: Myasthenia Gravis (from Greek and Latin words meaning "grave muscle weakness") is often undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. Marked by progressive weakness and abnormal fatigue of the voluntary muscles, it can display a baffling array of symptoms including fatigue; facial, shoulder, hip, and limb weakness; drooping eyelids; blurred and double vision; slurred speech; and difficulty chewing, swallowing, walking, and breathing; and

WHEREAS: While there are treatments, there is currently no cure for Myasthenia Gravis, and increasing public awareness of this sometimes crippling and potentially fatal disease can help raise momentum to find a cure; and

WHEREAS: The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America's Minnesota Chapter is a not-for-profit organization, which helps patients and caregivers by assisting in the availability of patient services, public information, professional education, advocacy, patient care, and research. Founded in 1972, the foundation is celebrating 40 years of serving the Myasthenia Gravis community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September, 2012 as:

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS 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 23rd day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE