



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as National Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month in an effort to educate the public about this common, genetic disorder; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis is more prevalent than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Huntington's disease combined, and affects people of all races, ethnic origins, and genders. Although NF can be found in over 100,000 Americans, and one in every 3,000 babies is born with the disorder, it is still relatively unknown to the general public; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and affects development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis can lead to the loss of sight and hearing, skeletal defects, learning disabilities, disfigurement, chronic pain, cardiovascular problems, cancer, and a wide variety of other complications; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is leading the effort to promote and financially sponsor world class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF and is working to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national Neurofibromatosis Clinic Network; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and
- WHEREAS: Much remains to be done to raise public awareness of NF and promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 as:

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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 27th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE