



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Peripheral Neuropathy is one of the most common chronic neurological diseases in the United States, affecting over 20 million Americans. It is a disease resulting from injury to the peripheral nerves – the motor, sensory, and autonomic nerves connecting the spinal column to muscles, skin, and internal organs. It usually affects the hands and feet, causing weakness, numbness, tingling, and pain. It can either progress slowly, over many years, or it can quickly become severe and debilitating; and

WHEREAS: For 14 years, the Minnesota Neuropathy Association has been providing hope and a better quality of life by educating and connecting members to medical resources and emerging technologies; and

WHEREAS: This is the eighth year that The Neuropathy Association has dedicated the third week of May to raise awareness about the neuropathy and encourage people across the nation to take action against neuropathy; and

WHEREAS: Increased public education and awareness about neuropathy not only helps people who are living with this debilitating disease, but also encourages much-needed research for more treatment options and cures; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting to recognize the many health care providers and researchers who help patients live better lives with neuropathy and who search for more treatment options and cures for this under-recognized disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 14-18, 2012 as:

NEUROPATHY AWARENESS WEEK

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 9th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE