



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Breast cancer will affect one in every eight women, with most having no family history of the disease; and
- WHEREAS: An increasing number of women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. When detected early, breast cancer is highly treatable and the best way to detect breast cancer in early stages is through annual screening mammograms beginning at age 40; and
- WHEREAS: Breast Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to empower women in their fight against breast cancer by spreading the message of early detection through annual screening mammograms; and
- WHEREAS: Financial and social barriers often prevent women from seeking screening mammograms. In addition to raising awareness, fundraising initiatives such as the *Be Pink* initiative, help institutions like the Park Nicollet Jane Brattain Breast Center make mammography accessible to more women in the community; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations, including the Breast Cancer Awareness Association, work to serve the community and enhance the quality of life of survivors and their loved ones by providing easy access to support and information about breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The Breast Cancer Awareness Association's Living with Breast Cancer Conference, created by breast cancer survivors and presented on October 6, 2012, is designed to provide a broad range of cutting edge information about breast health in a supportive, inspirational, and safe environment, where survivors and families have access to the education and resources they need; and
- WHEREAS: Through education, people will learn how to survive breast cancer and how to live more courageously and creatively, and with grace.

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

BREAST CANCER 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 8th day of October.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE