



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability, and the third leading cause of death in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Stroke not only affects adults, but one in every 2,800 live births and 12 in 100,000 children per year, making pediatric stroke the sixth leading cause of death in children; and
- WHEREAS: Between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, and learning and behavioral difficulties, often requiring physical therapy and surgeries; and
- WHEREAS: The life-long health effects of pediatric stroke can take a heavy financial and emotional toll on children, families, and society; and
- WHEREAS: Little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of pediatric stroke, as risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; and
- WHEREAS: Early diagnosis and treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improve chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence of strokes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013, as:

## PEDIATRIC STROKE 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE