



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: According to the March of Dimes, in the United States, 1 out of every 4 pregnancies ends in miscarriage and 1 in every 160 pregnancies ends in stillbirth; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, in 2010, there were 352 fetal and infant deaths, according to the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics; and
- WHEREAS: Subsequent pregnancies are common within the first year following a loss; and
- WHEREAS: After a pregnancy or infant loss, many will experience grief, confusion, anxiety, guilt, and fear of loss in subsequent pregnancies; and
- WHEREAS: Facing the vast array of emotions that often accompany subsequent pregnancies may be challenging, and validation and support for the mother and her family during this time, is essential; and
- WHEREAS: Knowledge that there are resources available and others to turn to for compassion and guidance is an important aspect in the journey of healing during subsequent pregnancies; and
- WHEREAS: Education through awareness can promote health during subsequent pregnancies and help ensure safe and healthy deliveries; and
- WHEREAS: Recognition of Pregnancy After a Loss will enable individuals and communities to further meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and other members of the family as they continue to grieve and heal, while embracing the gift of a new life.

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

PREGNANCY AFTER A LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota, and encourage citizens to work together to promote awareness of this issue.



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 January.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE