



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Autism Spectrum Disorder, which includes Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, and Pervasive Development Disorder-NOS (not otherwise specified), is a series of neurologically-based developmental disabilities that affect brain development in children, disrupting their ability to communicate and interact with others; and
- WHEREAS: One in 110 children in the United States are diagnosed with autism, and similar levels are seen around the world; and
- WHEREAS: On December 18, 2007, World Autism Awareness Day was adopted by the United Nations to raise autism awareness and to promote early diagnosis and early behavioral interventions; and
- WHEREAS: The month of April is now generally recognized as Autism Awareness Month in the United States and elsewhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 as:

AUTISM 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 21st day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE