



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a term that refers to a group of diseases that cause airflow obstruction and breathing-related problems, including emphysema and chronic bronchitis; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, 4.3% of adults have been diagnosed with COPD. COPD is a leading cause of disability in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: In 2008, COPD became the third leading cause of death in the United States, 12 years earlier than predicted, and COPD is one of a few leading causes of death that are not declining; and
- WHEREAS: In 2010, the estimated cost of COPD in the United States was \$49.9 billion in doctor visits, emergency room visits, and hospitalizations; and
- WHEREAS: The top risk factor for COPD is smoking. Other risk factors include environmental and workplace exposure to air pollutants, secondhand smoke, a history of childhood respiratory infections, and genetic factors; and
- WHEREAS: Increased public awareness, early detection and screening, and proper treatment are crucial to managing and slowing the progression of COPD, reducing costs, and improving quality of life for Minnesotans diagnosed with COPD.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014, as:

COPD 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 1st day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE