



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dandy-Walker Syndrome is a congenital defect of the part of the brain that controls movement and affects at least 1 in 25,000 infants born annually; seventy to ninety percent of affected persons also have a malformation that blocks flow of spinal fluid between the brain and spinal cord, which results in hydrocephalus; in combination, these defects are estimated to occur in as many as 1 per 5,000 live births; however, Dandy-Walker Syndrome can be significantly underestimated because of difficulties diagnosing the syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Persons with Dandy-Walker Syndrome present with slow motor development, enlarged head circumference, and signs and symptoms of hydrocephalus, causing physical and mental developmental threats, pain, and trauma; and

WHEREAS: The Dandy-Walker Alliance, Inc. (the Alliance), a non-profit organization, is the only national organization dedicated to raising public awareness about Dandy-Walker Syndrome through education, informational activities, and non-partisan research; and

WHEREAS: The Alliance encourages Minnesotans and all Americans to learn about Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus and recognize the achievements of Americans with disabilities, the important role Americans with disabilities have played throughout the history of the United States, and the scientific, literary, and social impact of disabled Americans on our world today.

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

DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS 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 25th day of April.


GOVERNOR




SECRETARY OF STATE