



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, genetic disorder that causes individuals to suffer life-altering symptoms such as pain, inability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, unexplained fevers, chronic gastrointestinal upset, chronic fatigue, anxiety, and depression. It progresses to include hearing loss, lung, heart, kidney, and cerebrovascular disease, and other symptoms. It often causes premature death in adults due to heart attacks, strokes, and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS: Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, which causes an insufficient breakdown of lipids. Lipids build up to harmful levels in the body causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and

WHEREAS: There is an approved treatment for Fabry disease for people who have been diagnosed, and for the potential thousands of people who have milder forms of Fabry Disease not yet recognized or diagnosed. Fabry disease is severely under-recognized and misdiagnosed. When diagnosed, it is often after irreversible organ damage has occurred. Increased physician and family education are critical to increase disease recognition; and

WHEREAS: The most common estimate of classic Fabry disease incidence is about 1 in 50,000 males. Because of its X-chromosome inheritance pattern, twice as many females are potentially carriers and may be affected; and

WHEREAS: An enzyme assay test for males and molecular DNA test for females can confirm Fabry disease. Together, we can raise awareness to fight this tragic and treatable disorder.

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

FABRY DISEASE 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 23rd day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE