



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Systematic lupus erythematosus, commonly known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often, life-threatening autoimmune disease; and
- WHEREAS: Researchers estimate that five million people have been diagnosed with lupus or lupus-related diseases throughout the world and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year. Recent research indicates lupus may affect more people than previously thought and may affect more than 120 out of every 100,000 women in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Lupus is nine times as common in women as men, and more commonly diagnosed in younger women. Lupus is a major women's health issue and disproportionately affects people of color; and
- WHEREAS: The Lupus Foundation of Minnesota was founded in 1976 as a nonprofit organization specifically to battle lupus. The Foundation strives for a "world without lupus," and is guided by the mission statement, "While working towards finding a cure, we support those impacted by lupus and promote a deeper understanding of the disease."; and
- WHEREAS: Clinical research, early diagnosis, and proper treatments are critical to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of people with lupus; and
- WHEREAS: Lupus impacts not only the life of the patient, but also the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers, and the broader community; and
- WHEREAS: Increased public awareness, education, and support are key to winning the battle against lupus.

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

LUPUS 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 5th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE