



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Geneticists estimate that Lynch syndrome may affect as many as 22,500 individuals in Minnesota and 800,000 people in the United States. Studies show that an estimated 95 percent of these people may be undiagnosed for Lynch syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers; and
- WHEREAS: Every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and
- WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: On this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Minnesota and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 22, 2014, as:

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

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 10th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE