



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Pallister-Killian Syndrome (PKS) is a rare, genetic disorder resulting from the duplication of the short arm of chromosome 12, occurring at conception, with no known cause. Children with this syndrome suffer low muscle tone, seizures, global development delays, and hearing and vision loss; and

WHEREAS: Fewer than 300 cases of PKS have been diagnosed in the world, however, many doctors believe that the incidence of PKS is much higher and could be as many as 2,000 cases in the United States alone. Improper testing methods and lack of awareness of this condition are the main causes of these undiagnosed cases; and

WHEREAS: Research, education, and raising awareness within the medical community of PKS will aid in early diagnosis of children and benefit the families and caregivers of children affected by the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 4, 2013, as:

PALLISTER-KILLIAN SYNDROME 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 20th day of November.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE