WHEREAS: Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) are serious, life-threatening, and rare diseases; and

WHEREAS: Overall, 1 in every 20,000 births are impacted by the most common form of CDG, though there are more than 100 less-common forms; and

WHEREAS: Patients and family members suffer the consequences of living with CDG, including disability and even death; and

WHEREAS: CDG remains frequently misdiagnosed, undiagnosed, and undertreated due to the lack of awareness of these disorders, and many patients experience difficulties in accessing specialized services and proper support; and

WHEREAS: Early diagnosis of CDG is important for several reasons, including the timely management of clinical problems, access to genetic counseling, and opportunities for available treatment; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this health issue, and more must be done to increase awareness at local, state, and national levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 16, 2016, as:

CONGENITAL DISORDERS OF GLYCOSYLATION AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.