



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: It is estimated that more than 600,000 people in the United States have Lynch Syndrome, but less than 5 percent of those are currently diagnosed, and approximately one in every thirty-five individuals with colorectal cancer have Lynch Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: Lynch Syndrome is a hereditary predisposition presenting a high lifetime risk of contracting a litany of cancers, including up to an 85 percent lifetime risk of colon cancer, 65 percent lifetime risk of endometrial cancer and higher than average risks of contracting ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and other cancers, often at an early age; and
- WHEREAS: Knowing one's family medical history of cancers may prompt genetic testing; and
- WHEREAS: Lynch Syndrome diagnosis through genetic testing can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The numbers of cancer deaths could be reduced as a result of greater public awareness of Lynch Syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 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 22nd day of March.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE