

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Lynch syndrome (also referred to as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer,

or HNPCC) is the most common cause of hereditary colon cancer; and

WHEREAS:

Those with Lynch syndrome have a greater lifetime risk of colon cancer, as high

as 80%, with it often diagnosed at a younger age; and

WHEREAS:

Approximately 2,500 colon cancer cases occur in Minnesota every year; of which

an estimated 2 percent to 4 percent are Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS:

Those with Lynch syndrome are also predisposed for several other cancers,

including ovarian, uterine, stomach, pancreas, brain, and kidney, and

WHEREAS:

Biological family members of an individual with Lynch syndrome are at

significant risk for inheriting the condition; and

WHEREAS:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 96 percent of Americans believe that knowing their family medical history may save their lives,

yet only one third ever gather and organize their family's health history; and

WHEREAS:

Knowing one's family medical history and consulting with a physician about

when and how to get screened for colon cancer may be one of the most

important things a person can do in prevention; and

WHEREAS:

Lives can be saved and Minnesotans can be better protected from the physical,

emotional, and financial burdens of cancer through more emphasis on the

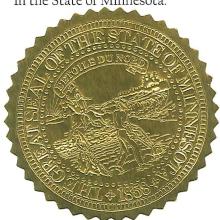
importance of organizing family health history and increased awareness of Lynch

syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012 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 5th day of March.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE