

STATE of MINNESOTA

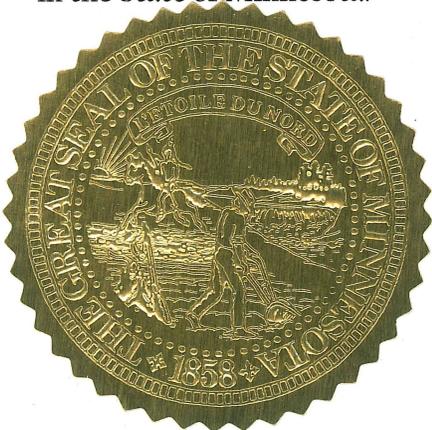
Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** May 14, 2015 marks the third annual Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech and communication disorder in youngsters; and
- WHEREAS:** Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children; and
- WHEREAS:** Without appropriate intervention, children with apraxia are then placed at high risk for secondary impacts in literacy and other school-related skills; and
- WHEREAS:** Most children with apraxia of speech will learn to communicate with their very own voices only if they receive early intervention and appropriate, frequent speech therapy; and
- WHEREAS:** We especially encourage funders such as insurance providers and schools to recognize the critical need to provide adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized and so that affected children can grow into productive, contributing adult citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 14, 2015, as:

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.




SECRETARY OF STATE

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 May.


GOVERNOR