



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2800 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and
- WHEREAS: Between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and
- WHEREAS: The life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and
- WHEREAS: Very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and
- WHEREAS: An early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence.

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

## PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE