



STATE of MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: In recognition of the growing needs of the worldwide autism community and to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders and the need to provide services to individuals and families who are affected, the United Nations has sanctioned April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that approximately 1 in 68 American children fall on the autism spectrum – a ten-fold increase in prevalence during the last 40 years – making autism the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The effort to address autism continues; early, accurate diagnosis, and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and support are vital for all individuals with autism and their families; and
- WHEREAS: It is important that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is honored to take part in the observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of autism as well as celebrating the unique talents and skills of persons with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 2, 2016, as:

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

and the month of April 2016, as Autism 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 24th day of February.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE



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