



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are many survivors of North America's terrifying polio epidemics; and
- WHEREAS: Some polio survivors will experience Post-Polio Syndrome (PPS), unexpected and often disabling symptoms that occur decades after the acute poliovirus infection, which can include overwhelming fatigue, muscle weakness, muscle and joint pain, sleep disorders, heightened sensitivity to anesthesia and pain, cold intolerance, and difficulty swallowing and breathing; and
- WHEREAS: Post-Polio Syndrome can be managed if polio survivors conserve energy and stop overusing their reduced number of polio-damaged neurons, weakened muscles, and joints; and
- WHEREAS: Children continue to be paralyzed and killed by the poliovirus as eradication efforts are hampered by wars in the Middle East and Africa, which prevent vaccination; and
- WHEREAS: Polio continues to be a major, international public health issue, and all children should be encouraged to receive the polio vaccine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2014, as:

POLIO 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 20th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE