



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Every year in the United States, an estimated 2,100 men are diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 450 men will die from the disease each year; and
- WHEREAS: Breast cancer is a disease commonly thought to affect only women. This misconception can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and
- WHEREAS: Early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed in the earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and
- WHEREAS: Due in part to a lack of awareness regarding male breast cancer, men are generally diagnosed at a later stage than women, affecting prognosis and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The week of October 19, 2014, to October 25, 2014, is designated as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 19-25, 2014, as:

## MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE