



# STATE *of* MINNESOTA

WHEREAS: A diagnosis of PANDAS/PANS means a child has a sudden, dramatic change in personality displayed as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) together with symptoms following a strep, bacterial, or viral infection; and

WHEREAS: Research has begun to link this syndrome to a misdirected autoimmune process that affects or weakens the Blood Brain Barrier; and

WHEREAS: The inflammatory process affects the region of the brain that manages a variety of functions such as movement, cognitive perception, habit, executive function, emotions, and the endocrine system; and

WHEREAS: In the United States it is estimated that more than 162,000 individuals have PANDAS/PANS; and

WHEREAS: PANDAS/PANS is as common as pediatric cancer and pediatric diabetes, and can seriously affect the healthy outcome of a child's life and is often misdiagnosed and undertreated.; and

WHEREAS: Treatment varies by the needs of the child, but may include antibiotics, steroids, Intravenous Immunoglobulin, Plasmapheresis, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and anti-inflammatory medications; and

WHEREAS: PANDASnetwork.org is corporation nonprofit dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of children with PANDAS/PANS, and is a conduit for researchers to navigate collaborations and the medical community to find information; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 8, 2017:

## PANDAS/PANS AWARENESS DAY

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

