



STATE of MINNESOTA

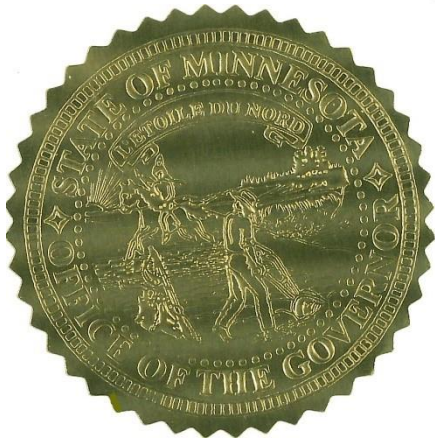
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a condition that causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and
- WHEREAS: Although over 2 million people around the world are living with NF and 1 in every 3,000 newborns is diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and
- WHEREAS: NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender; and
- WHEREAS: NF can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports efforts to promote awareness, foster collaborative partnerships, and improve access to proper treatment and care; and
- WHEREAS: Much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research; and
- WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month is an opportunity to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021, as:

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS 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 April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Steve Simon