



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy is an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity, rather than a single disease or disorder that affects everyone in the same way; and
- WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness ranging from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, gender, age, or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS: Research has yielded new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases, including Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, and Lou Gehrig's - ALS; and
- WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Light it Up Green for Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular and neuro-muscular disorders, as well as the issues these families face in our communities.

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

## LIGHT IT UP GREEN FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July.

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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