



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Each year in the United States alone, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- Syndrome (five p minus), also known as Cat Cry Syndrome or Cri du Chat Syndrome. Some common characteristics of Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth are a high-pitched cry, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential medical complications. "5p-" is a term used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and
- WHEREAS: May 5 is designated as Cri Du Chat Syndrome Awareness Day in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals with Cri Du Chat deserve to be recognized for what they can do, not what they cannot do; and
- WHEREAS: One of the goals of Cri Du Chat Awareness Week is to end the outdated misinformation given to families when their child is diagnosed with Cri Du Chat; and
- WHEREAS: Children born with this rare genetic defect will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help them achieve their maximum potential; and
- WHEREAS: There are many families affected by Cri Du Chat living in Minnesota with the syndrome that are members of the 5p- Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2022, as:

CRI DU CHAT 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 18th 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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