



# STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May 2022 as Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and
- WHEREAS: Although over 2 million people around the world are living with NF, and 1 in every 3,000 births 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 causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin; and
- WHEREAS: The disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research; foster collaborative partnerships in both science and industry; and improve access to quality patient health care through its national NF Clinic Network; and
- WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; 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.

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

## NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF) 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April.

GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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