



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Wheelock Whitney has dedicated his time and resources to growing the field of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Spectrum Disorders (FASD) awareness and support; and
- WHEREAS: FASD are the leading cause of preventable intellectual disabilities in Minnesota and the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, 8,500 children are born affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Economists estimate that the lifetime cost for each child with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (one of the diagnoses in the FASD spectrum) can be \$2 million or more for medical, educational and residential care; and
- WHEREAS: Wheelock Whitney is a founding member of the Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS), the only statewide source of FASD information and resources in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Wheelock Whitney has provided hope and compassion for his fellow Minnesotans with FASD and their families through his tireless work to support the efforts of MOFAS and change the perceptions of society about people struggling with chemical dependency challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2011 to be:

WHEELOCK WHITNEY DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 22nd day of February.

GOVERNOR



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