



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Tay-Sachs is a rare, inherited disorder that causes progressive destruction of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord due to insufficient activity of an enzyme called beta-hexosaminidase A; and
- WHEREAS: There is no treatment or cure for Tay-Sachs disease, and the disease is always fatal in children; and
- WHEREAS: The disorder was first identified by British Ophthalmologist Warren Tay in 1881, and American neurologist Bernard Sachs in 1887; and
- WHEREAS: Tay-Sachs disease often affects families with no prior history; and
- WHEREAS: A blood test can determine if a person is a Tay-Sachs disease gene carrier.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as:

## TAY-SACHS 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 24th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred fiftieth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE



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