



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) or ME/CFS, is a devastating multi-system disease that causes dysfunction of the neurological, immune, endocrine, and energy metabolism systems; and

WHEREAS: This disease is characterized by severe exacerbation of symptoms following any form of exertion; and

WHEREAS: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is understood to be an inability to properly generate energy within cells leaving at least 25 percent of patients home or bed-bound; and

WHEREAS: There is no diagnostic test, no FDA-approved treatment, and no cure for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome affects between 1 million and 2.5 million Americans, including up to 40,000 people living in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome annually costs the American economy \$17 billion to \$24 billion; and

WHEREAS: Increased awareness and education for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome can help patients receive timely, appropriate, and compassionate medical care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 12, 2018, as:

MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS/CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME 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 3rd day of May.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE