

## 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

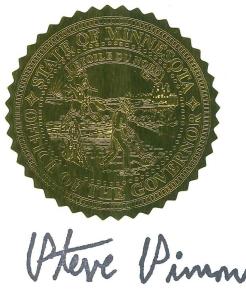
WHEREAS: Increased awareness and education for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue

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.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May.

GOVERNOR