



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Lyme Disease, caused by the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi*, is an infectious disease spread by ticks, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimating 300,000 to 329,000 new cases per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS: May through July is the peak feeding time for blacklegged ticks—also called deer ticks—which transmit Lyme Disease bacteria in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The number of Minnesota residents with Lyme Disease has steadily increased, and the disease has spread through all regions of the state; and

WHEREAS: Awareness and simple tick bite prevention measures, such as using tick repellents and conducting frequent tick checks, may reduce the chance of contracting Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS: Early recognition and treatment of Lyme Disease can prevent the long-term health problems associated with the disease.

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

## LYME DISEASE 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR





SECRETARY OF STATE