STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota joins the nation in recognizing August as Child Support Awareness Month and reaffirms its commitment to promote the well-being of children; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota salutes those parents who support their children and make child support a consistent source of income and security; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's child support program serves approximately 250,000 children and 360,000 parents, including 29,000 children on public assistance; and

WHEREAS: County and state child support professionals are vital assets to the state, working in cooperation with parents and other partners to ensure families receive quality services; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota employers collected 450 million dollars towards an overall total of 600 million dollars in child support last year; and

WHEREAS: For every $1 spent on Minnesota's child support program, $3.54 was collected in support of Minnesota children; and

WHEREAS: Child Support Awareness Month reminds us all that we are invested in the future of Minnesota's children, and we can collaborate to make that future stable and bright.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2016, as:

CHILD SUPPORT 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 8th day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE