

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Maternal mental health is an issue of great concern to new parents, and their families and physicians, and is of concern to the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Many women are not adequately informed about, screened, or treated for pregnancy and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders due to misunderstanding of the disorder, individuals being uninsured or underinsured, or lack of knowledge of where to receive care; and

WHEREAS: Heightened awareness and increased education of the incidence of pregnancy and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders is critical for all Minnesotans.

WHEREAS: These disorders can affect women and teenage girls regardless of age, race, or income level. Partners can also be impacted – contributing significantly to adverse developmental and behavioral outcomes and attachment disorders in the young children; and

WHEREAS: Pregnancy and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders are highly treatable with therapeutic intervention, community-based supportive services, and medication; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that service providers and community support systems that interface with new parents have a greater understanding of pregnancy and postpartum mood and anxiety disorders, and are able to identify at risk circumstances, in order to provide prompt diagnosis, treatment, and proper community-based services to facilitate a successful recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as:

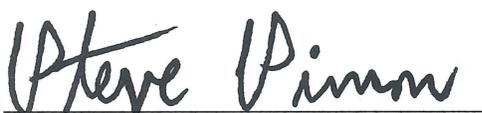
MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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 27th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE