



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome (TS) is a non-inheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in 2,500 live female births; and

WHEREAS, earlier diagnosis will help these girls and women get a complete cardiac screening; and

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than 100-fold in young and middle-aged women with TS; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention of growth failure, hearing problems and learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, individuals with TS have an increased risk of non-verbal learning disorder (NLD); in school and work, these impairments can cause problems in math, visuospatial skills, executive function skills and job retention; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner syndrome research and support; and

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with TS can live a happy, healthy life; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Turner Syndrome Awareness Month will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Turner syndrome.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim February 2012 to be

TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 16th day of February, 2012.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Palmi Carnahan
Secretary of State