

Draft Language of Proclamation:

Whereas: The Little People of America, Inc. (LPA), a non-profit organization, is the nation's largest and oldest organization for people with dwarfism, is celebrating its 63rd anniversary year in 2020;

Whereas: Dwarfism is a medical condition, made up of over 450 types of genetic conditions, resulting in shorter stature of the affected person;

Whereas: There are an estimated 1,100 people living in Minnesota with dwarfism, an estimated 65,000 people living with dwarfism in the United States, and an estimated 1.5 million in the world;

Whereas: The popularity of, and the need for LPA is at a historic high, growing from 20 members in 1957 to more than 8000 in 2020;

Whereas: LPA annually hosts national conferences which allow for people to meet others with the same medical conditions and for families of Little People to interact with each other;

Whereas: Minnesota is a part of LPA District 9, and many Minnesotan Little People contribute to the success of the district by providing ideas, advocacy for others, and attendance for events;

Whereas: LPA dedicates itself to improving the lives of those with dwarfism and provides support and resources to its members for issues such as adoptions, parenting, medical needs, conference and educational scholarships, advocacy and spreading awareness for dwarfism;

Whereas: Little People make the world, the United States, and the state of Minnesota better and more diverse places.

Now, Therefore: Proclaim October Dwarfism Awareness Month