

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

Executive Order

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions, each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans, are considered rare in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or services; and
- WHEREAS,** while the public is familiar with some rare diseases such as Lou Gehrig's disease and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Organization for Rare Disorders is organizing a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** thousands of patients and caregivers, medical professionals, researchers, medical companies, and others in the state of Indiana will participate in that observance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana,
do hereby proclaim February 28, 2015 as

RARE DISEASE DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 1st
day of February in the year of our
Lord 2015 and of the Independence
of the United States 239.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence