

# PROCLAMATION

## INTERNATIONAL ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

WHEREAS, the National Ataxia Foundation strives to meet the goals of:

- 1) Location of patients and persons at risk. NAF encourages a complete neurological examination to make early and correct diagnoses.
- 2) Increased awareness about Ataxia. NAF assures that accurate information about Ataxia will be available through a variety of educational programs for physicians, allied health officials, and the public.
- 3) Prevention of the spread of these disorders. NAF encourages genetic counseling to help affected individuals and families make informed decisions about family planning.
- 4) Research. In addition to its own research efforts, NAF supports those research projects that are designed to better understand pathology and cause of the Ataxias, or to institute new treatments based upon scientific data. NAF helps coordinate research efforts into the causes and early detection of Ataxia through existing centers throughout the world.

WHEREAS, an estimated 150,000 individuals are affected by hereditary and sporadic Ataxia in the United States.

WHEREAS, Ataxia is an often fatal degenerative neurological disorder that affects balance, coordination, and speech.

WHEREAS, Ataxia can strike anyone, at any time, without regard to age, gender, race, or creed.

WHEREAS, there is NO known cure, the only defense is research and prevention through education.

NOW THEREFORE, I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby proclaim September, 25, 2018 as  
INTERNATIONAL ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY in \_\_\_\_\_ and urge all citizens  
to honor and support those individuals with Ataxia and their caregivers, in the hope that a cure  
will soon be found.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have cause the seal of  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to be hereto affixed this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.