

A bill for an act

relating to state government; Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week; proposing
coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[10.595] MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK.**

The third full week of September each year is designated Mitochondrial Disease
Awareness Week in Minnesota.

Mitochondria, the power plants in every cell of the body, can be damaged by
genetic defects, drugs, or destructive molecules called free radicals. Such damage leads
to progressive diseases that affect roughly one in 4,000 children in the United States
each year.

During Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week, residents of the state are urged to
become better informed about mitochondrial diseases and their impact.