



Proclamation

WHEREAS: birth defects strike the youngest and most vulnerable members of our society in great numbers, constituting this nation's most serious child health problem; and

WHEREAS: the National Foundation-March of Dimes seeks to prevent birth defects and alleviate their consequences; and

WHEREAS: the generosity of millions of Americans has supported these goals; and

WHEREAS: these contributions have made possible a broad spectrum of programs in public and professional education, community services, medical service, and research; and

WHEREAS: much still needs to be done in order to help the more than 200,000 infants born each year with a serious mental or physical disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 1977 as

MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to join me in working toward the day when every individual will realize their basic right to a healthy birth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

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