

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *unimpaired vision is one of the most precious elements of good health; and*

WHEREAS: *there are more than 30,000 people in the State of Minnesota who are blind or visually handicapped; and*

WHEREAS: *one half of all blindness can be prevented; and*

WHEREAS: *the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness, a voluntary health agency operating for the past 38 years in our State, has developed immediate and long range programs for the improvement of eye health and prevention of eye accidents in Minnesota;*

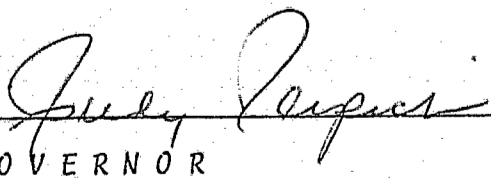
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 1977 as

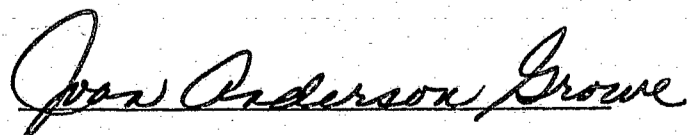
## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS MONTH

*in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to focus their attention on the pressing need for an immediate program of blindness prevention in our Minnesota industries, schools, farms and homes, as well as increased awareness of the importance of early diagnosis and cure of eye diseases.*

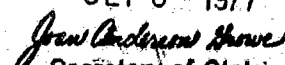
*I also urge the cooperation of all educational, civic, and welfare agencies, along with the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness, in making not only September, but every month of the year, an opportunity to conserve the vision and promote the eye health of our citizens.*

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 fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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