



Proclamation

WHEREAS: LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS IS A CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE OF THE BODY'S CONNECTIVE TISSUE THAT OCCURS IN TWO FORMS: DISCOID, WHICH AFFECTS THE SKIN; AND SYSTEMIC, WHICH STRIKES INTERNALLY; AND

WHEREAS: LUPUS WAS FIRST RECOGNIZED IN THE 19TH CENTURY, BUT CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE THE MEDICAL PROFESSION; AND

WHEREAS: LUPUS CAN STRIKE AT ANY AGE, HOWEVER, 85% OF THE CASES OCCUR IN FEMALES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 AND 40; AND

WHEREAS: THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED ONE-QUARTER TO ONE-HALF MILLION VICTIMS OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH 5,000 NEW CASES BEING DIAGNOSED ANNUALLY; AND

WHEREAS: THE LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WAS FORMED TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THIS BAFFLING DISEASE AND TO SUPPORT RESEARCH TO SEEK NEW METHODS OF CONTROL AND PREVENTION, AS WELL AS TO FIND A CURE; AND

WHEREAS: THERE ARE NOW APPROXIMATELY 40 ACTIVE LUPUS FOUNDATION CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES, THE MINNESOTA LUPUS CHAPTER HAVING BEEN FORMED IN JUNE OF 1976;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 THROUGH 25, 1980 TO BE

LUPUS AWARENESS WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND,

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Albert H. Quie
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Lou Wangberg
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