



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Mental illness is a problem of grave concern and consequence in American society and is widely, but unnecessarily, feared and misunderstood; and
- WHEREAS: More than 10,000,000 people in the United States are disabled for long periods of time by schizophrenia, manic depressive disorders, and major depression; and
- WHEREAS: Over 250,000 Minnesotans suffer from these serious and disabling mental illnesses; and
- WHEREAS: Between 30 and 50 percent of homeless people suffer serious and chronic forms of mental illness; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is in the process of developing a comprehensive system for the delivery of mental health services statewide; and
- WHEREAS: Mental disorders result in staggering economic costs to society, which are estimated to be in excess of \$40 billion annually and include direct treatment and support cost, as well as indirect costs, such as lost productivity; and
- WHEREAS: Mental illness is an increasingly treatable disability with excellent prospects for remedy and recovery when properly recognized; and
- WHEREAS: Appropriate treatment of mental illness is cost effective because it restores productivity, reduces utilization of other health services, and lessens social dependence; and
- WHEREAS: Unprecedented major research developments in recent years have added new methods and technology to the sophisticated and objective study of the functioning of the brain and its linkages to normal and abnormal behavior; and
- WHEREAS: Research in recent decades has led to a wide array of new and more effective somatic and psychosocial methods of treatment for some of the most incapacitating forms of mental illness, including schizophrenia, major affective disorders, phobias, and phobic disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 1989 to be

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota, as a way to reduce stigma and promote understanding of the mentally ill and their families.

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 eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Browe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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