

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of National Heart Week

- WHEREAS, Heart Disease--the disease which attacks one out of every twenty people--is our country's most important public health problem today,
- WHEREAS, Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease kill more school children than any other disease,
- WHEREAS, Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease cause almost five times as many deaths as infantile paralysis, whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and cerebrospinal meningitis combined,
- WHEREAS, The economic loss due to heart disease is staggering, and the loss of life, the loss of gainful employment and the cost of care is far greater than the cost of any war fought by the United States,
- WHEREAS, During the period of World War II, battle deaths approximated 325,000 while during the same period on the home front two million men, women and children were killed by diseases of the heart and blood vessels,
- WHEREAS, Appalling as these facts are, there is great hope that we can combat the menace of heart disease and our hope lies in truth, not fear,
- WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is now conducting the most comprehensive assault on Heart Disease ever waged by this country,
- WHEREAS, It has a scientific and educational program which is vital to our national health and has announced the week of February 9-15 as National Heart Week,
- WHEREAS, The State and University of Minnesota are fast developing into one of the outstanding centers of the country for the study of heart disease,

HCU, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. YOUNGBLAD, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, do hereby officially proclaim the week of February 9 through 15 as

STATE HEART WEEK

In the State of Minnesota and ask that the people of the State devote themselves to the study of this grave problem both in the interests of their own good and that of the entire country.

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 Capital in St. Paul this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

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ATTEST:

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