

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of National Hearing Week

WHEREAS, at least three million children in the United States have a hearing loss and millions of adults are already hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, authorities further estimate that one out of every ten persons in our nation has a hearing loss, ranging from a slight loss to almost total deafness; and

WHEREAS, loss of hearing is an obstacle to normal social and business relationships and can be a severe handicap to success; and

WHEREAS, medical experts state that the majority of people with serious hearing defects would never have reached that unfortunate stage if the trouble had been checked in the incipient stage; and

WHEREAS, this obstacle must be overcome through research, a more widespread application of existing knowledge and the overcoming of the individual's personal reluctance to recognize his own hearing defect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. YOUNGBLACK, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9 to 15 as

"NATIONAL HEARING WEEK"

and urge all citizens to join with the American Hearing Society and its local chapters in the campaign to prevent and alleviate hearing disabilities, especially in our children.

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 in St. Paul this fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-seven and of the state the ninetieth.

ATTEST:

Mike Holm
SECRETARY OF STATE

Luther W. Youngblat
GOVERNOR

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