

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT

A Proclamation for Mental Health Week

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- WHEREAS, mental illness is America's number one public health problem, today three times more extensive than cancer and fifteen times more widespread than tuberculosis, and
- WHEREAS, three suffering from serious forms of mental illness kill each year more than the total in our mental hospitals, and
- WHEREAS, one out of every five families will at some time, unless preventive and research measures are instituted, be represented by a member in a mental hospital, and
- WHEREAS, the care of the mentally ill is one of the gravest responsibilities and moral problems of the people of Minnesota, and
- WHEREAS, the tax-supported institutions for the treatment of mental illness are the people's hospitals, and
- WHEREAS, a drive is now underway to improve Minnesota's mental health resources, in cooperation with the administration, the Division of Public Institutions, many legislators, voluntary health agencies, and the Governor's Citizens Mental Health Committee.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS W. WELLS, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 20 to November 26 as

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

and urge all citizens and organizations to observe this special period in:

1. Contemplation of the obligations of society to its sick members.
2. Visitation to the people's hospitals - the state facilities for the care of the mentally ill, mentally deficient, and epileptic.
3. Personal participation in the activities of voluntary agencies in this field and in the local committees affiliated with the Governor's Citizens Mental Health Committee.

THOMAS WELLS, I have executed not by hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in Saint Paul this twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and of the State, the ninety-first.

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