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A Proclamation for "National Mental Health Week"

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Secretary of State

- WHEREAS, mental illness is America's number one public health problem, being three times more extensive than cancer and fifteen times more widespread than tuberculosis, and
- WHEREAS, those suffering from various forms of mental illness fill more beds than the total in our general hospitals, and
- WHEREAS, unless preventive and research measures are successfully instituted, one out of every five families will be represented by a member in a mental hospital, and
- WHEREAS, the care of the mentally ill is one of the gravest responsibilities and social problems of the people of Minnesota, and
- WHEREAS, due to the compassion of the people of Minnesota and the generous support of their duly elected legislators, Minnesota is embarking on a program of prevention and treatment that has caused the eyes of the nation to focus on it, and
- WHEREAS, National Mental Health Week is being observed throughout the country during the week of April 23rd to April 29th,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUGENE W. THORNBALL, Governor of Minnesota, call upon the citizens of our state and the members of the mental health drive to observe

"NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK"

in:

1. Contemplation of the obligation of society to its sick members
2. Visits to the tax-supported hospitals for the mentally ill, mentally deficient, and epileptic
3. Attention to the great need for prevention, and
4. Participation in the Mental Health Week activities of the many voluntary and citizens' agencies committed to the long-range task of giving Minnesota a modern mental health program.

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 April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty and of the state, the ninety-second.

ATTEST:

*Mike Volen*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Eugene W. Thornball*  
GOVERNOR

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