

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for Mental Health Week

WHEREAS, mental illness is no longer hopeless, as evidenced by the increased rates of improvement and recovery in mental hospitals; and

WHEREAS, recovery from mental illness depends on early and proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, many mental hospital patients are being denied the chance for recovery because mental hospitals lack adequate staff, equipment and medical supplies to provide all their patients with early and proper treatment;

WHEREAS, mental disorders can be checked in their early stages; and

WHEREAS, the failure to provide early care, through mental health clinics, guidance services and mental health programs in schools and industry, results in severe illness and hospitalization for many and these conditions can be remedied by concerted action on the part of the citizens of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22th through May 1st, 1957 as

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

and further call upon the citizens of Minnesota to help the mentally ill by working together with the Minnesota Association of Mental Health for improved care and treatment of mental hospital patients and for the creation of community mental health services for the prevention and early treatment of mental disorders.

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

ATTEST:

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan

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Secretary of State