

SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

LEGISLATIVE MESSAGE NO. 1

A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, early and proper treatment is vital to recovery from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, many patients in mental hospitals cannot obtain early and proper treatment because mental hospitals lack the necessary staff, equipment and medical supplies; and

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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, these conditions can be remedied by concerted action of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate responsibility for initiation of new and improved public and private health programs must, in a democracy, lie with the citizens themselves operating within the framework of organized interest groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of April 27 to May 5, 1958 as

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

and call upon the citizens of our state to support the Minnesota Association for Mental Health in its work 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 sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight and of the state the one hundredth.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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