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P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS, more than 250,000 American babies are born each year with a significant birth defect, while approximately 11 million of our children and adults suffer from some form of arthritis or other disabling rheumatical disease, and
- WHEREAS, exemplary medical care utilizing the skills of many specialists working together is not available to a majority of those stricken by these crippling, and
- WHEREAS, the March of Dimes now supports nearly 70 hospital treatment centers where improved treatment is being developed, and
- WHEREAS, the medical leadership these centers provide sends out waves of influence which serve to spread new knowledge, new techniques, and new public awareness for the benefit of victims of all chronic, disabling conditions, and
- WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is financing the work of research scientists seeking eventual breakthrough toward the possible prevention of birth defects, arthritis, and perhaps many other human ills, and
- WHEREAS, funds are also needed for continued assistance to polio patients, health scholarships for our young people, and support of the new Salk Institute for biological studies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Roelvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January, 1964, as

"MARCH OF DIMES MONTH"

and do urge all citizens to contribute generously to this campaign.

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 twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, and of the State the one hundred sixth.

Karl F. Roelvaag
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE