

WHEREAS: autistic children suffer from the handicap of severe communication and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS: autistic children often have great potential and normal intelligence, even though they are unable to relate to people; and

WHEREAS: educators are beginning to find ways to reach autistic children who, once they begin to learn, begin to relate; and

WHEREAS: autistic children are consistently denied the right to proper education because there are so few resources available; and

WHEREAS: it is imperative that all parents of autistic children know there is a National Society for Autistic Children and that a Twin Cities chapter is located in St. Paul; and

WHEREAS: this organization is endeavoring to meet the special educational needs of the autistic child;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 24 through June 30 to be

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in Minnesota, and call the attention of all citizens to this most baffling of emotional disorders and furthermore, I do hereby give assurance to parents of autistic children that researchers are making progress in their efforts to free the autistic child from his cocoon of misery.

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-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

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Allen J. Erdahl

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