



Proclamation

WHEREAS: high blood pressure, as an underlying cause of heart attack, stroke and kidney failure, results in the premature death and disability of millions of seemingly healthy Americans; and

WHEREAS: tremendous human and economic costs result from premature death and disability caused by undetected and untreated high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS: over half of the 23 million Americans suffering from high blood pressure are unaware that they have it, despite the relative ease in detecting this disease; and

WHEREAS: a National High Blood Pressure Education Program has been established to increase public and professional awareness and thereby stimulate and encourage the early detection and continued treatment of high blood pressure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1974 as

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota. I strongly urge all citizens, and the philanthropic, scientific, medical, health care and educational professions and organizations of our State to commemorate this month by education and detection programs which emphasize the severity of high blood pressure and the need for continued efforts to control this insidious disease.

In addition I have requested the Chief State Health Officer to establish Statewide high blood pressure information, detection and treatment programs and to encourage and stimulate the establishment of such programs in our local communities. The control of a major public health problem like high blood pressure requires the cooperative efforts of public and private interests. I invite and encourage the State Medical Society, the Heart Association, and other public and private health organizations to contribute their resources and expertise in the development of our State High Blood Pressure 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 twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Arden J. Edsall

SECRETARY OF STATE

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