



Proclamation

WHEREAS: *birth defects afflict the youngest and most defenseless members of our society; and*

WHEREAS: *the National Foundation-March of Dimes seeks to prevent birth defects, the nation's major child health problem; and*

WHEREAS: *the generosity of millions of Americans has supported this goal; and*

WHEREAS: *these contributions have made possible a broad spectrum of programs which provide prenatal care, treatment of birth defects, genetic services, and intensive care nurseries for critically ill newborns; and*

WHEREAS: *a comprehensive research program seeks to uncover the basic causes of birth defects and*

WHEREAS: *much still needs to be done to help the quarter of a million American infants born each year with physical or mental damage;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January, 1975 as

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in Minnesota and ask all citizens to join me in supporting this cause which will benefit our children and our children's children.

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 December 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

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