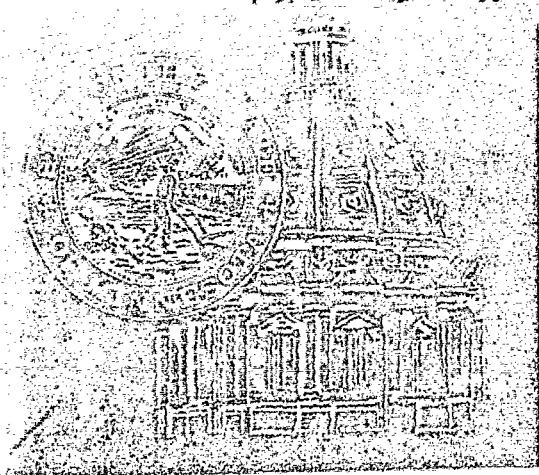




Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Tay-Sachs disease is a fatal, inherited, genetic disorder which primarily affects Jews of central and eastern European ancestry; and
- WHEREAS: this disease is a brutal killer of infant children, and strikes unsuspecting families; and
- WHEREAS: one in twenty-five individuals in the defined population is a carrier of the recessive Tay-Sachs gene; and
- WHEREAS: Mount Sinai Hospital and the University of Minnesota have developed the Minnesota Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program; and
- WHEREAS: it is now possible to detect carriers of the Tay-Sachs gene through a simple tear or blood test; and
- WHEREAS: screening and testing sessions for Tay-Sachs carriers have been planned to take place in May and June, 1975;

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

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in Minnesota, and furthermore do invite the medical profession, the press, and all agencies and individuals interested in the prevention of this dread disease to unite in public dedication to this program. I further encourage all potentially affected people, 18 years of age and older, to be tested for Tay-Sachs disease.

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 sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five and of the State, the one hundred and seventeenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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