



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the Medical Record Association is a professional organization of medical record administrators, medical record technicians, and other medical record practitioners who provide an important but little known service to patient care; and*

WHEREAS: *Minnesota has played an important role in medical record education since the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth offered the first degree-granting program in medical record science in the United States in 1935; and*

WHEREAS: *the medical record profession has transformed its traditional role as custodian of records of hospitalized patients into a more dynamic relationship with third-party payors, patients as consumers, the legal profession, physicians and allied health professionals, and health planning agencies while widening its emphasis on acute hospital-based care to include ambulatory, preventive, and rehabilitative services; and*

WHEREAS: *the work of the medical record professionals concentrates on facilitating the documentation of care given by physicians and allied health care providers in both manual and automated systems with attention given to assuring confidentiality, adherence to patient's rights, and continuity of care among health care settings classifying and analyzing the medical information used in reporting vital statistics to local, state, and federal agencies, as well as medical research and the evaluation of quality of health care; and*

WHEREAS: *the maintenance of medical record standards and progress towards improvement in the quality of medical record services depends on the dedicated efforts of professional practitioners of medical record science;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 12, 1976, during National Hospital Week, and the opening day of the Upper Midwest Hospital Conference, as

## MEDICAL RECORD PROFESSIONAL DAY

*in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to recognize and support the vital service provided by the medical record professional and to encourage those young people who have chosen a career in a field that ultimately relates to better patient care.*

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 May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson* 29518  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Secretary of State

*Jean Anderson Grover*