



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Lupus Erythematosus (LE) is one of the ten major illnesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS: it first was recognized in the 19th century but still challenges the medical profession; and

WHEREAS: the origin of lupus is unknown, its symptoms are varied and often like the symptoms of other diseases; and

WHEREAS: Lupus can strike at any age but 85% of the cases occur in females between the ages of 10 and 40; and

WHEREAS: general symptoms are aching, weakness, malaise, fatigue, low-grade fever and chills, joint swelling and stiffness; and

WHEREAS: the most conspicuous sign is a rash which spreads in the shape of a butterfly, but this mark is evident in only about half of the victims; and

WHEREAS: there are two forms of LE: the discoid type which affects the skin, and the systemic type which may be mild or deadly serious and attack any organ of the body; and

WHEREAS: there are an estimated one-quarter to one-half million victims of systemic Lupus in the United States, with 5,000 new cases being diagnosed annually; and

WHEREAS: with early diagnosis and treatment, an 85% survival rate is not uncommon; and

WHEREAS: the Lupus Foundation of America, a non-profit organization, was formed to gain public awareness of this baffling disease and to support research in order to seek new methods of control, prevention and hopefully, to find a cure; and

WHEREAS: there are now approximately 40 active Lupus Foundation chapters in the United States, with the Minnesota Lupus Chapter being formed in June 1976;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim September 12, 1976 to be

LUPUS AWARENESS DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Joan Anderson Kruse*  
Secretary of State

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

*Joan Anderson Kruse*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR

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