



Proclamation

WHEREAS: the lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by the accidental ingestion of or contact with poisonous substances; and

WHEREAS: children from infancy to five years of age are the most frequent ingestors of poisonous or potentially poisonous substances; and

WHEREAS: the skull and crossbones symbol has little negative meaning for today's children, who see it as representing happy, exciting things like pirates and adventure, not poison; and

WHEREAS: the National Poison Center Network, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has developed and tested a new, effective poison warning symbol for children known as Mr. Yuk; and

WHEREAS: the Hennepin Poison Center of the Hennepin County Medical Center has elected to join the national Poison Center Network as a regional center to introduce Mr. Yuk in Minnesota and to conduct a major on-going public education program on poison prevention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977 as

MINNESOTA POISON PREVENTION YEAR

and strongly commend all persons and community organizations who unite to make this worthwhile effort possible.

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 twenty-second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

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