



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: birth defects strike the youngest and most vulnerable members of our society in great numbers, constituting this nation's most serious child health problem; and

WHEREAS: the National Foundation-March of Dimes seeks to prevent birth defects and alleviate their consequences; and

WHEREAS: the generosity of millions of Americans has supported these goals; and

WHEREAS: these contributions have made possible a broad spectrum of programs in public and professional education, community services, medical service, and research; and

WHEREAS: much still needs to be done in order to help the more than 200,000 infants born each year with a serious mental or physical disorder;

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

## MARCH OF DIMES BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to join me in working toward the day when every individual will realize their basic right to a healthy birth.

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 eighteenth

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Grove*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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