



State of Minnesota

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, Rudy Perpich, 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-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State

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