

Proclamation

WHEREAS: hypertension is recognized as a major affliction producing premature sickness, disability and death and is a leading cause of kidney disease, heart disease, and stroke; and

WHEREAS: an estimated 300,000 citizens of the State of Minnesota have high blood pressure; many of these citizens are unaware that they have this disease, and only about 38,000 are now receiving adequate treatment; and

WHEREAS: 15 percent of the adult population over the age of 18 in our communities suffer from high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS: high blood pressure is the leading cause of death among black citizens in Minnesota and across the United States; and

WHEREAS: the American Heart Association - Minnesota affiliate, American Red Cross, Kidney Foundation of the Upper Midwest and Minnesota Department of Health, recognizing the consequences of this disease are cooperating in continuous programs for the detection and control of hypertension; and


WHEREAS: the knowledge, medications, and other treatment are available to effectively detect and control this disease so that those who have high blood pressure can take preventive measures;

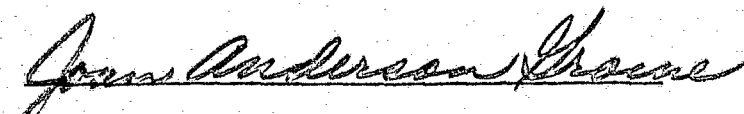
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1977 as

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONTH

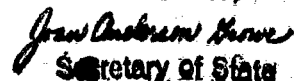
in Minnesota, and strongly urge all citizens as well as medical, scientific, and health care professions, and voluntary organizations to observe this month by efforts to detect and control this major health problem.

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 fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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