



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: *licensed nursing homes are related long-term health facilities in Minnesota dedicated to the welfare of the aged, chronically ill and the convalescent; and*
- WHEREAS: *licensed nursing homes in Minnesota now number 675, involving some 45,775 beds; and*
- WHEREAS: *these facilities contribute to the public good by providing individualized rehabilitative, social and spiritual services as well as medical and nursing care; and*
- WHEREAS: *the nursing home profession plays an integral role in the health care delivery system in Minnesota; and*
- WHEREAS: *the Minnesota Association of Health Care Facilities demonstrates significant leadership in providing total quality care through the development standards, peer review, insistence of professionalism and a continuing education program; and*
- WHEREAS: *the Minnesota Association of Health Care Facilities is participating in the observance of National Nursing Home Week under the sponsorship of the American Health Care Association;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 through May 15, 1977 to be

NURSING HOME WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge our citizens to join in this observance by acquainting themselves with the important community services provided by nursing homes and related facilities and support that effort to provide for the care of our elderly.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage all citizens to "Make Someone Happy" by visiting a nursing home this week by becoming a volunteer or senior companion, to demonstrate to our elderly that we care and that truly, "Old Friends Make the Best Friends".

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.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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