

WHEREAS: lungs are the only inner part of the body directly exposed to the outside environ-

ment; and

WHEREAS: the lungs are especially vulnerable to germs, smoke and pollution. Disease--even

death--can result; and

WHEREAS: six million people in this country suffer with asthma; and

WHEREAS: nearly half of the six million are children under the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS: asthma is childhood's most common chronic disease; and

WHEREAS: an attack can be set off by a hayride, a pet rabbit, polluted air, or tobacco smoke;

WHEREAS: children with asthma are especially susceptible to asthma attacks in the fall of the

year because of the high pollen content in the atmosphere; and

the Lung Association of Minnesotà, in recognition of the suffering of children with asthma, offer educational and rehabilitational programs aimed at controlling this Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (COLD); WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18, 1977 as

## ASTHMA AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesotans to observe this week by contacting their lung association to learn about asthma and its treatment, because the lung associations care about every breath you take.

> 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 Capital this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA BEPARTMENT OF STATE

Secretary of State