

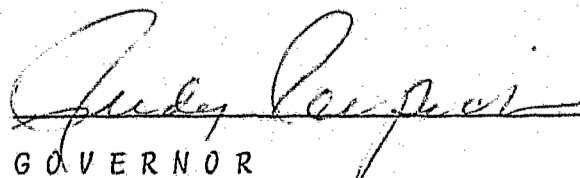
# Proclamation

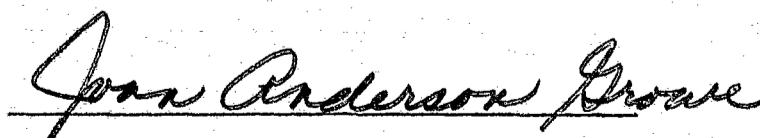
- WHEREAS: Lupus Erythematosus (LE) is one of the ten major illnesses in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: it first was recognized in the 19th century but still challenges the medical profession; and
- WHEREAS: the origin of Lupus is unknown, its symptoms are varied and often like the symptoms of other diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Lupus can strike at any age but 85% of the cases occur in females between the ages of 10 and 40; and
- WHEREAS: general symptoms are aching, weakness, malaise, fatigue, low-grade fever and chills, joint swelling and stiffness; and
- WHEREAS: the most conspicuous sign is a rash which spreads in the shape of a butterfly, but this mark is evident in only about half of the victims; and
- WHEREAS: there are two forms of LE: the discoid type which affects the skin, and the systemic type which may be mild or deadly serious and attack any organ of the body; and
- WHEREAS: there are an estimated one-quarter to one-half million victims of systemic Lupus in the United States, with 5,000 new cases being diagnosed annually; and
- WHEREAS: with early diagnosis and treatment, an 85% survival rate is not uncommon; and
- WHEREAS: the Lupus Foundation of America, a non-profit organization, was formed to gain public awareness of this baffling disease and to support research in order to seek new methods of control, prevention and hopefully, to find a cure; and
- WHEREAS: there are now approximately 40 active Lupus Foundation chapters in the United States, with the Minnesota Lupus Chapter being formed in June, 1976;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18 through September 24, 1977 as

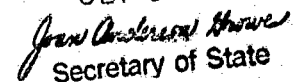
## LUPUS AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota.

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 fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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