

WHEREAS: sickle cell anemia is a congenital disease which affects persons of African and

Mediterranean descent; and

WHEREAS: persons of African and Mediterranean descent live in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: the people of Minnesota have demonstrated their concern for the health and welfare

of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: the Minnesota Foundation for Sickle Cell Anemia is working to educate the public

about the need for every black American to be tested for the disease; and

WHEREAS: any health problem that affects 10% of the population is everybody's concern;

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

## SICKLE CELL ANEMIA MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to support the effort to find a cure for this disease.

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

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Secretary of State