



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: alcohol is the nation's No. 1 drug problem; and

WHEREAS: there are ten million Americans suffering from alcoholism, problem drinking is on the rise among the young, and this illness is costing the nation's economy \$25 billion a year; and

WHEREAS: half of all traffic fatalities, half of all murders, one-third of all suicides and one-half of all arrests are alcohol related; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota leads all other states in recognizing and treating alcoholism and chemical dependency; and

WHEREAS: alcoholism is recognized as an illness by the American Bar Association, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the Department of Defense, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, including the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Council on Alcoholism, the World Health Organization and the Mrs. Jaycees of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: there is an urgent need to develop programs and activities to prevent alcohol dependency; and

WHEREAS: responsible, healthy and safe drinking habits and attitudes are encouraged for those who choose to use alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS: the people of Minnesota earnestly seek human improvement and dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 6 through November 12, 1977 to be

## ALCOHOL AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY 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 twenty-seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

*Rudy Perpich*

GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Grane*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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*Jean Anderson Grane*  
Secretary of State