

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Hereditary Ataxia, caused by a defective gene, results in deterioration of the nerve cells of the cerebellum and spinal cord and affects thousands of people of all ages and both sexes throughout the United States, including many residents of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: the National Ataxia Foundation was established in Minnesota in 1957 with four important goals: SERVICE, PREVENTION, EDUCATION and RESEARCH; and

REAS: because of its hereditary nature, public awareness of Ataxia, proper diagnosis and sensitive genetic counseling are crucial;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 through May 6, 1978 to be

ATAXIA AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to become better informed about Hereditary Ataxia and its impact on Minnesotans and people throughout the United States, and join the National Ataxia Foundation in its fight against Ataxia.

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 thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

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