

Proclamation

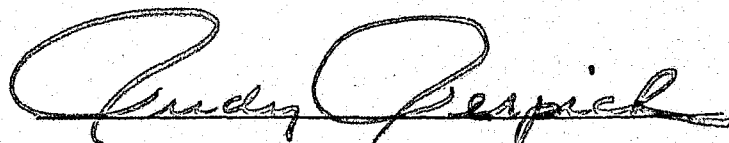
- WHEREAS: the MS READ-a-thon program of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has provided realistic incentives for over four million schoolchildren in this state and throughout the country to focus their attention on reading as an enjoyable and rewarding activity; and
- WHEREAS: the MS READ-a-thon program has been successfully conducted nationwide by the Society and found to be a valuable and easily integrated educational tool which motivates its young participants to achieve at a higher level; and
- WHEREAS: the MS READ-a-thon program offers outstanding advantages to the children who participate and to their families, as well as to school and library systems, and virtually all segments of the local community; and
- WHEREAS: through the MS READ-a-thon, the general public has been made more aware that multiple sclerosis--the "mysteriouscrippler of young adults"--is a major health problem which afflicts hundreds of thousands of Americans, usually between the ages of 20 and 40; and
- WHEREAS: the program has heightened public recognition of the efforts of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and its chapters to find the cause, prevention and cure of MS and to offer hope to patients everywhere through patient services and intensified medical research;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 8, 1978 to be

MS READ-A-THON DAY


in Minnesota, as a signal event in the Society's MS Education Month Campaign, annually conducted in the month of September, and do recommend that all schoolchildren between the ages of 6 and 14 participate in the MS READ-a-thon program of "reading for the need of others", and thus help--with community support--to ease the suffering of those who have multiple sclerosis.

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


GOVERNOR


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