Proclamation

WHEREAS: there are as many as one-half million children in the United States and 12,000 young people in Minnesota today with some sort of serious growth disorder that may result in dwarfism or extreme short stature; and

WHEREAS: innumerable causes for short stature exist, many of which can be diagnosed and specifically treated due to major advances in the last decade; and

WHEREAS: in addition to specific treatment, great progress with regard to counselling and assisting patients and their families with these diseases is now occurring; and

WHEREAS: the Human Growth Foundation is an organization made up of patients, parents, interested lay people and professionals who are concerned with the problems that accompany abnormalities of growth in children as well as the adjustment of short-statured people within adult society; and

WHEREAS: the Human Growth Foundation annually sponsors Human Growth Week in an attempt to publicize the nature and importance of disorders of stature, to communicate information concerning the diagnosis, treatment and interests of short people and to achieve local appreciation and support for research programs dedicated to understanding the basic processes of growth; and

WHEREAS: the Children's Health Center of Minneapolis, the Children's Hospital of St. Paul, the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic, some of Minnesota's finest medical institutions, have become involved in the activities related to Human Growth Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16 through September 23, 1978 to be
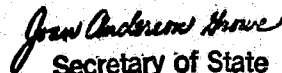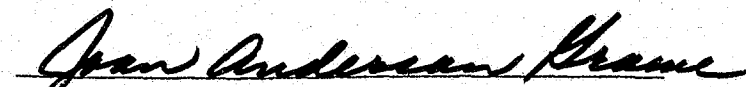
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in Minnesota.

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

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Growe
SECRETARY OF STATE