

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: lungs are the only inner part of the body directly exposed to the outside environment; and

WHEREAS: the lungs are especially vulnerable to germs, smoke and pollution. Disease--even death--can result; and

WHEREAS: six million people in this country suffer from asthma; and

WHEREAS: nearly half of the six million are children under the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS: asthma is childhood's most common chronic disease; and

WHEREAS: an attack can be set off by a hayride, a pet rabbit, polluted air, or tobacco smoke; and

WHEREAS: children with asthma are especially susceptible to asthma attacks in the fall of the year because of the high pollen content in the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS: the Lung Association of Minnesota, in recognition of the suffering of children with asthma offer educational and rehabilitational programs aimed at controlling this Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (COLD);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through September 24, 1978 to be

ASTHMA AWARENESS WEEK

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Secretary of State

in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesotans to observe this week by contacting their local lung association to learn about asthma and its treatment, because the lung associations care about every breath you take.

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

*Jan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE