

WHEREAS:

Mental retardation is a problem which affects over six and one half

million children and adults in the United States today; and

WHEREAS:

An estimated 120,000 mentally retarded citizens live in Minnesota;

and ...

WHEREAS:

The most effective programs on prevention and alleviation of mental

retardation are public knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS:

During the month of March, the Minnesota Association for Retarded Citizens and its local member units throughout the State will be conducting educational, fund raising, and membership programs; and

WHEREAS:

The Association will sponsor community activities highlighting local services and proprosals for state legislation to ensure that programs exist to serve the needs of all mentally retarded citizens who need

them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 1979, to be

NATIONAL RETARDED CITIZENS MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge my fellow citizens to join with me in giving full support to efforts to help mentally retarded citizens enjoy a self-sufficient way of life.

> 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 twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundre seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-first.

> > STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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