Proclamation

WHEREAS: The mentally retarded or autistic child is a special challenge to parents, teachers and all in the community who strive to assure that every individual's full potential is tapped; and

WHEREAS: Efforts involving mentally retarded and autistic children that show particular sensitivity and effectiveness must be rewarded, and more such efforts encouraged so that these children are nurtured in an environment that will foster their personal growth; and

WHEREAS: The "Parent Appreciation Day" festival, celebrated May 30, 1979, on behalf of all parents of mentally retarded and autistic children in our state, is one fitting way to recognize achievements that enhance the well-being of these special citizens;

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

PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH

in Minnesota, continuing the theme of appreciation and sharing begun with the "Parent Appreciation Day" festival, and also recognizing the importance of programs that assist Minnesota's mentally retarded and autistic children to live satisfying and productive lives.

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 eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

GOVERNOR

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