WHEREAS: The MS READ-a-thon program of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society provides a valuable educational tool that encourages reading and the development of reading skills among Minnesota's young people; and

WHEREAS: The MS READ-a-thon assists in educating the public about multiple sclerosis, the "mysterious crippler of young adults" which affects more than 10,000 Minnesotans between the ages of 20 and 40;

WHEREAS: The MS READ-a-thon encourages a sense of altruism among Minnesota's young people, a sense of voluntary service as they "read for the need of others"; and

WHEREAS: The MS READ-a-thon offers hope for our state's victims of multiple sclerosis by providing funds for needed services and intensified research into the cause, prevention and eventual cure of the disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 17, 1979, to be

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in Minnesota, and encourage all schoolchildren in Minnesota between the ages of 6 and 14 to consider participation in this event to help alleviate 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 eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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