

WHEREAS: Autistic children are severely afflicted with a brain disorder which results in a life-long handicap manifested by inhibition or distortion of what a person sees, hears, or senses, causing severe problems in learning, communicating, and behaving; and

WHEREAS: There exists a need for expanded educational, recreational, medical, professional, and general public knowledge of the special needs of autistic children and adults in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Autistic children and their families can benefit immensely from appropriate special educational opportunities at the earliest possible time in their lives; and

WHEREAS: Complete recovery is extremely rare and there exists a need for planning for the future welfare of the autistic adult; and

WHEREAS: Promising clues as to the causes and appropriate treatment programs for autistic children are beginning to appear due to expanding research and greater public awareness about autism;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Albert H. Quie and Lou Wangberg, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 2 through 8, 1979 as

AUTISTIC CHILDREN'S WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge that special efforts be directed toward identifying, educating, and treating these children and adults, while calling attention to their plight.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Albert H. Quie

G O V E R N O R

Lou Wangberg

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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