



# Proclamation

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, fundraising, and membership programs; and

WHEREAS: The Association will sponsor community activities highlighting local services and proposals 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, 1980, to be

## NATIONAL RETARDED CITIZENS MONTH

in Minnesota, and have asked Lieutenant Governor Lou Wangberg to prepare this proclamation for my signature and disseminate the same. I further urge the citizens of this state to join with me in giving full support to efforts to help the mentally retarded citizens enjoy a self-sufficient way of life.

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 fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

*Albert H. Quie*

GOVERNOR

*Lou Wangberg*  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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