



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Communication is a dominant influence in the life of every individual; and

WHEREAS: Hearing, speech, and language disorders constitute our nation's number one handicapping disability, affecting an estimated 420,000 people in Minnesota alone, and 22 million Americans nationally; and

WHEREAS: More than ten percent of all Americans have speech, language and hearing impairments so severe that their educational, vocational, personal, and social functions are adversely affected; and

WHEREAS: Most people with communicative impairments could be helped medically, surgically, through amplification, or rehabilitation, but first must know that such help is available; and

WHEREAS: Better Hearing and Speech Month is an intensive annual effort sponsored by hearing and speech organizations and other civic groups to inform people about communicative disorders and to encourage those who suspect a problem to seek assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1980 to be

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

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Secretary of State

in Minnesota, and have asked Lieutenant Governor Lou Wangberg to prepare this proclamation for my signature and disseminate the same. Further, I support efforts to encourage and stimulate early detection, proper treatment, prevention, and greater understanding of hearing, speech, and language impairment.

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

Albert H. Quie

GOVERNOR

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Lou Wangberg

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE