



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF MINNESOTANS ARE THREATENED EACH YEAR BY THE ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF OR CONTACT WITH POISONOUS SUBSTANCES; AND

WHEREAS: CHILDREN FROM INFANCY TO FIVE YEARS OF AGE ARE THE MOST FREQUENT INGESTORS OF POISONOUS OR POTENTIALLY POISONOUS SUBSTANCES; AND

WHEREAS: OUR STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS WITH THEIR LOCAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS AND OTHER STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS IN PROGRAMS TO INFORM OUR CITIZENS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF THESE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES WHEN NOT USED AS DIRECTED; AND

WHEREAS: THE HENNEPIN POISON CENTER OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, AS A REGIONAL CENTER OF THE NATIONAL POISON CENTER NETWORK, IS ENGAGED IN AN ONGOING PROGRAM OF INTRODUCING MR. YUK, A POISON WARNING SYMBOL FOR CHILDREN, AND CONDUCTING A MAJOR PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM ON POISON PREVENTION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 THROUGH 21, 1981 TO BE

### POISON PREVENTION WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHERMORE, I CALL UPON THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE AND PREVENT POISONING HAZARDS, AND EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO PROPERLY USE CHILD RESISTANT PACKAGING FOR MEDICINES AND POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

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GOVERNOR