



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1974, the MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE MANDATED THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY-BASED STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO AID VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT WHICH RESULTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MINNESOTA PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT; AND

WHEREAS: MINNESOTA HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT BY ENACTING SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE MEASURES INCLUDING A CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT LAW AND A MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE REPORTING LAW, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS; AND

WHEREAS: In 1979, the F.B.I. ESTIMATES THAT A FORCIBLE RAPE OCCURS EVERY SEVEN MINUTES IN THE U.S. AND THAT AS FEW AS ONE OUT OF TEN SEXUAL ASSAULTS IS EVER REPORTED; AND

WHEREAS: In FISCAL YEAR 1980, TWENTY-THREE COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS PROVIDED SERVICES TO 2,103 VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, TRAINED OVER 7,000 PROFESSIONALS AND PROVIDED COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO ALMOST 35,000 PERSONS; AND

WHEREAS: RAPE AWARENESS WEEK IS AN ENDEAVOR TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE ONGOING NEED TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT; AND

WHEREAS: RAPE AWARENESS WEEK SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE MINNESOTANS TO BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME OF VIOLENCE WHICH IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN, REGARDLESS OF AGE, SOCIAL CLASS, ETHNICITY OR RELIGION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 3 THROUGH 9, 1981 TO BE

### R A P E   A W A R E N E S S   W E E K

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FILED

MAR 31 1981

Joan Anderson Howe  
Secretary of State

GOVERNOR

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