

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: MINNESOTA HAS TAKEN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF BATTERED WOMEN BY ENACTING SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE MEASURES INCLUDING A DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT AND A MANDATORY REPORTING LAW, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR BATTERED WOMEN SERVICES AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL; AND

WHEREAS: THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ESTIMATES THAT OVER 20,000 INCIDENTS OF WOMAN ABUSE OCCUR EACH YEAR IN MINNESOTA; AND

WHEREAS: IN FISCAL YEAR 1981, SIXTEEN MINNESOTA SHELTERS HOUSED OVER 5,000 WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND RESPONDED TO OVER 24,000 REQUESTS ON CRISIS LINES FOR INFORMATION AND SUPPORT; AND

WHEREAS: SOCIETAL BELIEFS ABOUT BATTERED WOMEN ARE DEEPLY ROOTED IN MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE VICTIM AND THE CRIME; AND

WHEREAS: THE DAY OF UNITY FOR BATTERED WOMEN IS AN ENDEAVOR TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE ONGOING NEED TO INCREASE MINNESOTANS' AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS OF BATTERING; AND

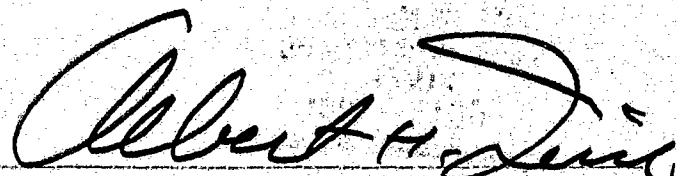
WHEREAS: THE DAY OF UNITY FOR BATTERED WOMEN AIMS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT BATTERING, HEIGHTEN COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CONCERNING BATTERED WOMEN, AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING THESE SERVICES; AND

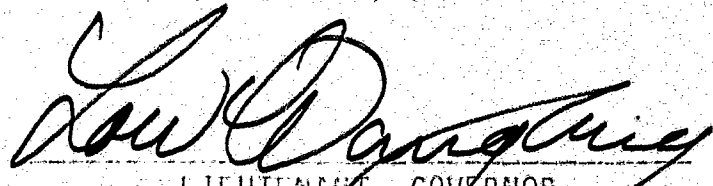
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 17, 1981 TO BE

DAY OF UNITY FOR BATTERED WOMEN

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 FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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