



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS IS A CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASE OF THE BODY'S CONNECTIVE TISSUE THAT OCCURS IN TWO FORMS; DISCOID, WHICH AFFECTS THE SKIN, AND THE MORE SERIOUS FORM; SYSTEMIC, WHICH CAN ATTACK ANY ORGAN OF THE BODY; AND

WHEREAS: LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS IS ONE OF THE TEN MAJOR ILLNESSES IN THE UNITED STATES AFFECTING MORE THAN ONE-HALF MILLION AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS: LUPUS CAN STRIKE MEN AND WOMEN AT ANY AGE, BUT 85% OF THE CASES OCCUR IN FEMALES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 AND 40; AND

WHEREAS: LUPUS IS ALSO CALLED AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE IN WHICH THE PATIENT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM IS OUT OF CONTROL; AND

WHEREAS: WITH EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, AN 85% SURVIVAL RATE IS NOT UNCOMMON; AND

WHEREAS: THE LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA AND OUR MINNESOTA CHAPTER, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WAS FORMED TO GAIN PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THIS BAFFLING DISEASE AND TO SUPPORT RESEARCH IN ORDER TO SEEK NEW METHODS OF CONTROL, PREVENTION AND, HOPEFULLY, TO FIND A CURE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 THROUGH 24, 1981 TO BE

### LUPUS AWARENESS WEEK

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,

*Albert H. Quie*  
GOVERNOR

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*Lou Wangberg*  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR