



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: SUICIDE IS THE 10TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE NATION, AND THE 2ND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE; AND

WHEREAS: EVERY YEAR THERE ARE 30,000 REPORTED SUICIDES IN THE NATION, AND 400 EVERY YEAR IN MINNESOTA, WHICH REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A WASTE OF HUMAN LIFE BUT UNTOLD SUFFERING FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO DIE IN THIS TRAGIC WAY; AND

WHEREAS: THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDODOLOGY IS AN ORGANIZATION OF BOTH PROFESSIONALS AND CONCERNED LAY PEOPLE WHO SHARE A CONVICTION THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SUICIDE WILL HELP REDUCE HUMAN SELF-DESTRUCTION; AND

WHEREAS: TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF SUICIDE PREVENTION, IT IS NECESSARY TO REGARD SUICIDE AS A MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM WHICH REQUIRES EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 8, 1982 TO BE

## S U I C I D E P R E V E N T I O N W E E K

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE CITIZENS TO BE AWARE OF THE SUICIDE PREVENTION AND CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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