



Proclamation

WHEREAS: EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN MAY BE IDENTIFIED AS CHILDREN HAVING SUPERIOR INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES AND RARE CREATIVE TALENTS, MENTALLY RETARDED, HARD OF HEARING, DEAF, ORTHOPEDICALLY IMPAIRED, SPEECH IMPAIRED, VISUALLY HANDICAPPED, SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED, OR CHILDREN WITH SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES WHO, BY REASON THEREOF, REQUIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS: EDUCATORS HAVE DEVELOPED INSTRUCTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL AND PROGRAMS ENABLING EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP BASIC ACADEMIC, SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS TO USE IN COPING WITH TODAY'S WORLD; AND

WHEREAS: IN MANY CASES A DISABILITY OR AN INABILITY BECOMES AN EXCEPTIONALITY WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ABLE TO COPE ADEQUATELY WITH DAILY LIVING TASKS AND ACADEMIC OR VOCATIONAL PURSUITS, OR HAS NEGATIVE FEELINGS OF SELF WORTH AND INDIVIDUAL INTEGRITY; AND

WHEREAS: BEING CONSISTENT WITH DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR DIFFERENCES, RECEIVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO AN EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS: THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH PROMOTES THE ADVANCEMENT AND EDUCATION OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS, HAS HELPED AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP MAKE ADVANCEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 21 THROUGH MARCH 27, 1982 TO BE

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK

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 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUED AWARENESS OF AND SUPPORT EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH 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
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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