



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, OR 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 APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS: LUPUS IS ALSO CALLED AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE IN WHICH THE PATIENT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM IS OUT OF CONTROL; 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: WITH EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, AN 85% SURVIVAL RATE IS POSSIBLE; AND

WHEREAS: THE LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA AND OUR MINNESOTA CHAPTER, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WAS FORMED TO GAIN PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THIS MULTI-FACETED 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 17 THROUGH 23, 1982 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 FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED

AUG 31 1982

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