



Proclamation

WHEREAS: SPINA BIFIDA IS THE NUMBER ONE CRIPPLER OF NEWBORNS; AND

WHEREAS: SPINA BIFIDA IS A DEFECT IN THE SPINAL COLUMN IN WHICH THE SPINE FAILS TO CLOSE PROPERLY DURING PRENATAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS: ALTHOUGH A RELATIVELY "SECRET" DEFECT, SPINA BIFIDA OCCURS MORE FREQUENTLY THAN MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, POLIO OR CYSTIC FIBROSIS COMBINED; AND

WHEREAS: 30 YEARS AGO 80 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA DIED, TODAY, THROUGH AGGRESSIVE, MODERN MEDICAL INTERVENTION, 90 PERCENT SURVIVE TO LIVE FULL LIVES; AND

WHEREAS: THE SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA ARE ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO REPRESENTING THOSE WITH SPINA BIFIDA, THEIR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS AND ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FUNDING RESEARCH ON THE MEDICAL CAUSES AND TREATMENT OF SPINA BIFIDA; AND

WHEREAS: THOSE BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA OR OTHER HANDICAPS ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO OTHER CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 - 24, 1982 TO BE

SPINA BIFIDA 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 SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH.

Albert H. Quie
GOVERNOR

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