

## Proclamation

Millions of people in this country suffer from kidney disease and the many forms of kidney-related ailments, which can cause chronic illness, work loss, financial problems

and premature death; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of Americans are awaiting a kidney transplant in order to stay alive, and the

need for suitable organs far exceeds the supply; and

WHEREAS: The National Kidney Foundation of the Upper Midwest is dedicated to the prevention,

treatment and cure of kidney disease, and the medical profession of the Upper Midwest

is a leader in this endeavor; and

The National Kidney Foundation of the Upper Midwest is working to alleviate this severe

health problem through research, public and professional education, patient/community services and the "Gift of Life" Organ Donor Program in keeping with Minnesota's Uniform

Anatomical Gift Act; and

WHEREAS: The National Kidney Foundation of the Upper Midwest plans an extensive public education

program, together with an Organ Donor campaign during the month of March;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 1983 to be

KIDNEY MONTH

in Minnesota, and I urge all citizens to recognize the contribution that the Kidney Foundation of the Upper Midwest, Inc. makes to our people and society. In addition, I strongly encourage citizen of Minnesota to take the opportunity this month to sign an Organ Donor Card.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set in hand and caused the Great Seal of the Sta of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-second day of Februar in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the Stat

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