

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In the 30-year period between 1941 and 1971, diethylstibestrol (DES) was a commonly

prescribed synthetic hormone designed to prevent pregnancy problems; and

WHEREAS: It was later discovered that DES could be associated with a variety of medical problems

occurring in the children of women who took DES; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that between 100,000 and 200,000 people in Minnesota have been exposed

to DES; and

WHEREAS: The best way to decrease the possibility of severe medical problems in exposed individual

is through early determination and detection; and

WHEREAS: The chances of early determination and detection can be increased by an effort to call

attention to the problems that people exposed to DES may experience; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18 through April 23, 1983, to be

DES [DIETHYLSTIBESTROL] AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set a hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundre and eighty-three, and of the State the on hundred twenty-fifth.

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