



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) remains the largest single cause of death in infants between one week and one year of age; and

WHEREAS: A SIDS death, at present, cannot be predicted or prevented; and

WHEREAS: The death of an infant is substantially different from an adult death; and

WHEREAS: Parents and children who are left to deal with the shock, grief, and guilt that follow a SIDS death are "victims" of SIDS, as well; and

WHEREAS: The availability of information and support is of utmost importance to SIDS families in helping them to cope with their loss; and

WHEREAS: A public that is informed and educated about SIDS can better respond to the needs of a SIDS family; and

WHEREAS: Professionals who come in contact with SIDS families, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, and public health nurses, can better serve families if they have special training and knowledge about SIDS; and

WHEREAS: Much progress has been made in SIDS research during the last ten years; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota SID Center, in existence since October 1976 has provided information and support to more than 1,000 families throughout the State of Minnesota, and has played a coordinating role among those professionals who became involved with SIDS families; and

WHEREAS: The month of October, 1983, has been designated as National SIDS Month by the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation;

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

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in Minnesota.

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MINNESOTA SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

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