



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Lupus Erythematosus is a disorder of the immune system and a chronic inflammatory disease in two forms: discoid, which affects the skin, and 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 more than one-half million Americans; 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: Lupus is also called autoimmune disease in which the patient's immune system is out of control and attacks the patient's own blood and tissues; and

WHEREAS: With early diagnosis and treatment, an 85% survival rate is not uncommon; and

WHEREAS: The Lupus Foundation of America and our Minnesota Chapter, a non-profit organization, was formed to gain public awareness of this baffling disease and to support research in order to seek new methods of control, prevention and, hopefully, to find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16 through October 22, 1983, to be

LUPUS AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three and of the State the one hundred and twenty-third.