



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Spina Bifida is the number onecrippler 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: Spina Bifida occurs more frequently than Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Polio or Cystic Fibrosis combined; and
- WHEREAS: Every hour ... 24 hours a day ... somewhere in the United States ... a child is born with Spina Bifida; and
- WHEREAS: Thirty 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 is the sole organization dedicated to representing those with Spina Bifida, their families and friends; and
- WHEREAS: The Spina Bifida Association of America is 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, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1983, to be

SPINA BIFIDA MONTH

in Minnesota.

Rudy Perpich
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