

## **Proclamation**

In the 30-year period between 1941 and 1971, diethylstilbestrol (DES) was a commonly WHEREAS: 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 individuals 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 23 through April 28, 1984, to be

> STATE OF MINNESOTA DES (DIETHYLSTILBESTROL) AWARENESS WEEK DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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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 my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-first day of February in the year eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred

this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-sixth.