



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Communicative disorders, including hearing loss, speech impairments, and related language deficiencies, constitute our nation's number one handicap, affecting 413,000 people in Minnesota alone and 22 million people nationally; and

WHEREAS: Most people with such problems can be helped through medical treatment, surgery, hearing aids or appropriate therapy; and

WHEREAS: The first step toward obtaining help is knowing that it is available; and

WHEREAS: The leading national and regional organizations concerned with hearing, speech and language problems have joined together in a common desire to promote public awareness through an intensive annual effort; and

WHEREAS: Such an effort will help encourage and stimulate early detection of communicative disorders, proper prevention and treatment, and greater public understanding of hearing, speech and language impairments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of

May 1984, to be

May

Better Hearing and Speech Month

Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens of Minnesota to learn more about hearing, speech, and language disorders and to join in the efforts to create a more enlightened public attitude and response to this, our nation's most widespread malady.

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

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