



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the nation, and the second leading cause of death among young people; and

WHEREAS: Every year there are as many as 28,000 reported suicidal deaths in the nation, which represents not only a waste of human life but untold suffering for the families and friends of those who die in this tragic way; and

WHEREAS: The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDOLOGY is an organization of both professionals and concerned lay people who share a conviction that contributions to knowledge about suicide will help reduce human self-destruction; and

WHEREAS: To achieve the goal of suicide prevention, it is necessary to regard suicide as a major public health problem which requires education of the public and support for research and treatment programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 through May 12, 1984, to be

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

Minnesota, and urge citizens to be aware of the services available to them through their local crisis intervention and suicide prevention centers.

Jean Anderson Howe
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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 sixteenth 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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Joan Anderson
Secretary of State