



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Scleroderma means "hard skin." It is commonly known as the disease that turns people to stone; and

WHEREAS: Classified as a connective tissue disorder, it is thought to result from narrowing of blood vessels. Its major forms are localized and systemic; and

WHEREAS: Localized scleroderma causes cosmetic and mobility problems. Systemic scleroderma is often fatal and attacks the internal organs. There is no known cause of cure for the disease. Physicians can only treat the symptoms in order to make the patient more comfortable; and

WHEREAS: The Twin Cities Area Chapter of the United Scleroderma Foundation serves residents in the seven-county metropolitan area and the entire State of Minnesota, as it is the only such chapter in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 10 through June 17, 1984, to be

Scleroderma Awareness Week

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to acquaint themselves with the symptoms of the disease and support research efforts so that a cure can someday be found.

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

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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