



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Lupus Erythematosus is a disorder of the immune system and a chronic inflammatory disease in two forms: discoid, which affects the skin, and the more serious form: systemic, which can attack any organ of the body; and

WHEREAS: Lupus Erythematosus is one of the ten major illnesses in the United States affecting more than one-half million Americans; and

WHEREAS: Lupus can strike men and women at any age, but 85% of the cases occur in females between the ages of 10 and 40; and

WHEREAS: Lupus is also called autoimmune disease in which the patient's immune system is out of control and attacks the patient's own blood and tissues; and

WHEREAS: With early diagnosis and treatment, an 85% survival rate is not uncommon; and

WHEREAS: The Lupus Foundation of America and our Minnesota Chapter, a non-profit organization, was formed to gain public awareness of this baffling disease and to support research in order to seek new methods of control, prevention and, hopefully, to find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20 through October 26, 1985, to be

Lupus Awareness Week

in Minnesota.

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-seventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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