



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Communication is a dominant influence in the life of every individual; and

WHEREAS: Hearing, speech and language impairments constitute our nation's number one handicapping disability, affecting an estimated 420,000 citizens of Minnesota alone, and 22 million Americans nationwide; and

WHEREAS: More than ten percent of all Americans have hearing, speech and language impairments so severe that their educational, vocation, personal and social functions are adversely affected; and

WHEREAS: Most people with communicative impairments can be helped medically, surgically, through alternative and augmentative communications systems, or rehabilitation, but they must first know that help is available; and

WHEREAS: Better Hearing and Speech Month is an intensive annual effort sponsored by organizations serving hearing, speech and language impaired people and other civic groups to inform the public about communicative impairments and to encourage those who suspect a problem to seek assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1985, to be

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I support efforts to encourage and stimulate early detection, proper treatment, support services, research and greater understanding of hearing, speech and language impairments.

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 eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

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