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WHEREAS: Asthma and allergic diseases result in physical, emotional and economic hardship for more than $35\,$ million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of Americans, many of them young, die each year from asthma even though

sufficient medical knowledge and resources exist to prevent many asthma-related deaths;

and

WHEREAS: Student absenteeism is due in significant part to asthma and allergic diseases; and

WHEREAS: Environmental conditions in the workplace often cause or exacerbate asthma and allergic

diseases among employees; and

WHEREAS: Many hospital patients suffer allergic reactions to prescribed medication; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that the American public pays \$2 billion per year in medical bills

directly attributable to the treatment and diagnosis of asthma and allergic diseases and pays another \$2 billion per year as a result of the indirect social cost of such

WHEREAS: Because of recent developments in the study of immunology, health care providers are

better equipped to diagnose and treat asthma and allergic diseases; and

Increased public awareness of recent scientific advancements in the study of immunology will help dispel many of the common misconceptions concerning asthma, allergic diseases, and the victims of those illnesses; WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through May 11, 1985, to be

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota,

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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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightyfive, and of the State the one hundred twentyseventh.

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Secretary of State