



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Communicative disorders, including hearing loss, speech impairment and related language deficiencies, constitute our nation's number one handicap, affecting more than 400,000 people in the State of Minnesota alone and 22 million people nationally; and

WHEREAS: Most people with such problems can be helped through medical treatment, surgery, hearing aids or appropriate therapy; and

WHEREAS: The first step toward obtaining help is knowing that it is available; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Academy of Otolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery and the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association have joined with other leading national and regional organizations concerned with hearing, speech and language problems and a common desire to promote public awareness through an intensive annual effort; and

WHEREAS: Such an effort will help encourage and stimulate early detection of communicative disorders, proper prevention, and treatment, and greater public understanding of hearing, speech, and language impairments;

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

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in Minnesota and urge the citizens of our state to learn more about hearing, speech and language disorders and to join in the effort to create a more enlightened public attitude and response to this, our nation's widespread malady.

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

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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