



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) remains the largest single cause of death in infants between one week and one year of age; and
- WHEREAS: A SIDS death, at present, cannot be predicted or prevented; and
- WHEREAS: The death of an infant is substantially different from an adult death; and
- WHEREAS: Parents and children who are left to deal with the shock, grief and guilt that follow a SIDS death are "victims" of SIDS, as well; and
- WHEREAS: The availability of information and support is of utmost importance to SIDS families in helping them to cope with their loss; and
- WHEREAS: A public that is informed and educated about SIDS can better respond to the needs of a SIDS family; and
- WHEREAS: Professionals who come in contact with SIDS families, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, and public health nurses, can better serve families if they have special training and knowledge about SIDS; and
- WHEREAS: Much progress has been made in SIDS research during the last ten years; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota SID Center, in existence since October 1976, has provided information and support to more than 1,000 families throughout the State of Minnesota, and has played a coordinating role among those professionals who became involved with SIDS families; and
- WHEREAS: The month of October has been designated as National SIDS Month by the National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be

MINNESOTA SIDS AWARENESS MONTH

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR
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