



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Each year 15,000 Americans suffer some form of spinal cord injury resulting in a total cost of four billion dollars per year for medical care, maintenance, lost income and supportive services; and

WHEREAS: The average age of the victims of spinal cord injury is nineteen years; thus these people spend most of their life-times with all the long-term medical problems and suffering associated with paralysis, including: diminished heart and lung capacity, kidney failure, recurring bladder infections, osteoporosis, skin ulcerations, and muscle atrophy; and

WHEREAS: The Spinal Cord Society is a non-profit organization of the spinal-injured, their families and friends, and dedicated scientists and physicians who are all aiming at the ultimate goal of cure for the 500,000 spinal cord injured people in this country through the means of improved treatment and research; and

WHEREAS: The Spinal Cord Society is linked by more than 120 chapters, a monthly newsletter, and thousands of members throughout North America and twenty other countries; and

WHEREAS: The Spinal Cord Society, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota, has established a Spinal Cord Center whose ultimate goal is the total reconstruction and reactivation to normal function of injured spinal cords, and the systematic reversal of all disabilities associated therewith; and

WHEREAS: The Spinal Cord Society has sponsored major research conferences in several years at which prominent scientists and clinicians present papers, exchange information, and keep the public informed; and

WHEREAS: The more than 35 million severe neural cases in the United States outnumber all other disorders, including heart disease and cancer, and a cure for spinal cord injury would be a major breakthrough for all neural disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the second week of August to be

SPINAL CORD SOCIETY WEEK

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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