



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Asthma and allergic diseases together represent an enormous health problem that affects more than 35 million Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly 2.5 million Minnesotans and their families suffer from the physical, emotional and economic hardships caused by asthma and allergies; 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: Asthma and related allergic diseases are one of the leading causes of absenteeism among school children; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that approximately 10 million work days and \$435 million in wages are lost each year to asthma and allergic diseases; and
- WHEREAS: People afflicted with asthma spend approximately \$292 million annually on medication to control their illness; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately \$170 million are spent each year on hospitalization even though many of these expenses could be avoided if the public were better educated about asthma and allergic diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Asthma and other allergic diseases cost the American public more than \$2 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS: Increased public awareness of recent scientific advancement in the study of immunology will help dispel many of the common misconceptions concerning asthma, allergic diseases and the victims of these illnesses;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May to be

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH

in Minnesota.

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 May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
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