



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: More than 75 million Americans are suffering from recurring back problems; and
- WHEREAS: Back problems have reached epidemic proportions, affecting those of every social strata and economic level; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 93 million work days are missed each year because of back ailments, not only affecting individuals, but American businesses as well (roughly two million employees cannot hold jobs and five million are partially disabled); and
- WHEREAS: Statistics indicate that back pain has become a public health threat that impedes the quality of life and economy of our country; and
- WHEREAS: Education and awareness can offer alternatives that make a significant impact on the prevention and alleviation of back ailments; and
- WHEREAS: Easy access, no-cost public health services will be offered in a series of back lectures, spine evaluations, open screenings and demonstrations in key cities throughout the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 31 through September 6 to be

NATIONAL BACK AWARENESS WEEK

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

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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