



Proclamation

WHEREAS: It is estimated that between one and 1.8 million persons experience brain injuries in the United States each year, resulting in more than 100,000 deaths from these injuries; and

WHEREAS: Each year, 50,000 or more survivors must face the permanent physical, cognitive and emotional consequences of brain injury; and

WHEREAS: Even people experiencing less serious brain injuries may face months of rehabilitation or permanent loss of a prior ability or skill; and

WHEREAS: Additional hardships can result from mounting medical costs, difficulties with the job or loss of employment and strained personal relationships; and

WHEREAS: In Minnesota alone, we can expect 9,600 new cases of brain injury to occur during the coming year; and

WHEREAS: This "Silent Epidemic" involves such great numbers with many of the brain injuries and resulting complications being unrecognized;

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

HEAD INJURY 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 fourteenth day of September 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

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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