



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease strikes people of both genders, all ethnic groups, and particularly affects our population age 50 and over; and
- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease requires continually expanding personal and long term care, often extending over a 15-20 year time period, the cost of which is outside the benefits of Medicaid, Medicare, and virtually all insurance programs, causing grievous financial burdens upon these families, in many cases forcing otherwise stable homes into bankruptcy; and
- WHEREAS: The caregivers of Alzheimer's disease victims are so mentally, emotionally, and physically burdened with the tragic heartbreak and stress in coping with the failing mental capacity of a mate, parent or other family member while providing the loving care necessary, that in 66 percent of these cases the caregiver dies before the Alzheimer's victim; and
- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative, irreversible brain disorder, causing the steady, progressive loss of intellectual capacity and eventual death of its victim; and
- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease robs its victims of one of our most valued, priceless gifts, particularly in our later "Golden Years," that of our cherished and life-enriching memories; and
- WHEREAS: The National Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorder Association was founded in 1980 by members of seven family support groups across the United States, the Metro-Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter one of the original founders; the association provides help in any and all manners when needed by those afflicted or by their loved ones; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Rider Motorcycle Touring Club has selected the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association as their charity commitment, and, in celebration of their own highly valued and cherished memories is sponsoring its first annual Memory Lane Ride for Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 19, 1987, to raise sustaining funds for the work of the ADRA in the state of Minnesota;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 13 through September 19 to be

MEMORY LANE 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 nineteenth 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

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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