



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Depression is a serious mental health problem in Minnesota, affecting 250,000 Minnesotans in any six month period; and
- WHEREAS: One-fourth of all women and one-eighth of all men will have a depressive episode during their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS: Depression costs Minnesota more than \$275 million annually; and
- WHEREAS: If not properly treated, up to 15 percent of those suffering from severe clinical depression will eventually commit suicide; and
- WHEREAS: Between 80 and 90 percent of all people with a serious depressive disorder can be helped; and
- WHEREAS: The National Institute of Mental Health has initiated a major ten year program to educate Americans about depressive disorders; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has been chosen to be a pilot program for this initiative, Depression: Awareness, Recognition, and Treatment (D/ART).
- WHEREAS: The Mental Health Association of Minnesota, acting as lead organization for D/ART, has recruited community partners who are working together to educate in the workplace, in professional associations, in educational organizations, and through the media; and
- WHEREAS: This national campaign begins in Minnesota on May 6, 1988;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 6-13, 1988 to be

DEPRESSION AWARENESS WEEK

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED

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in Minnesota.

*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-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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