



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's Disease, called "the disease of the Century" by Dr. Lewis Thomas, Chancellor of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, now affects nearly 3,000,000 Americans, touching one out of every three families in our nation; and
WHEREAS: Alzheimer's Disease strikes people of both genders, all ethnic groups, and particularly affects our mature population, over age 50, greatly accelerating its rate of increase with each passing year; and
WHEREAS: Alzheimer's Disease requires continually expanding personal, long-term care, 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 bankruptcies; and
WHEREAS: The caregivers of Alzheimer's 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 so necessary, that in 66% of these cases the caregiver dies before the Alzheimer's victim;
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 Disorders 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; and provides help in any and all manners, whatsoever, 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 second annual Memory Lane Ride for Alzheimer's on Saturday, May 21st, 1988, to raise funds for the work of the ADRDA in the State of Minnesota;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th through May 21st, 1988 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 eleventh day of May 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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