



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible disorder that affects an estimated 2.5 million American adults; and
WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death and causes approximately 150,000 deaths annually; and
WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease affects approximately 60,000 Minnesotans; and
WHEREAS: While most victims are over 65, people in their 40s and 50s and even younger can have the disease; and
WHEREAS: The symptoms include a gradual memory loss, decline in ability to perform routine tasks, impairment of judgement, disorientation, personality change, difficulty in learning and loss of language skills; in most cases the disease will render the victims totally incapable of caring for themselves; and
WHEREAS: The high cost of long-term care for Alzheimer's disease victims both at home and in nursing homes is estimated at more than \$48 billion annually and expected to increase to \$78 billion by 1990; and
WHEREAS: To help ease the physical, emotional, mental and financial burdens of the families and patients, the Metro-Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA), which was founded in 1979 and was one of the first such organizations in the United States, serves most of the State of Minnesota; and
WHEREAS: The local ADRDA chapter is part of the national Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, founded in 1980 with the help of the local group;

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

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE 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 sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

John Anderson Thorne SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich GOVERNOR

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