

## **Proclamation**

The week of October 2 - 8 is being observed throughout the nation as Mental Illness WHEREAS: Awareness Week: and

WHEREAS: The American Psychiatric Association and the Minnesota Psychiatric Association are working toward spreading the word, and building understanding about mental illness; and

WHEREAS: The theme of this campaign is "Let's Talk About Mental Illness", and the goal is to convey this message to all concerned with health and mental health issues, to current and potential patients, health care professionals, news media, educators, friends and familles.

The Association and its chapters are also calling attention during this time to measures WHEREAS: which must be taken to keep our state in the forefront of the fight against mental illness; and

Such measures include the promotion of appropriate and adequate standards of care, WHEREAS: assisting persons with mental illness and their families in gaining their legal and civil rights, educating the general public about mental health issues and concerns, and helping to stimulate a wider acceptance of mental health concerns in society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2 through October 8 to be

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

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 second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred

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