

## Proclamation

The precious gift of eyesight is among the most valuable assets possessed by humankind; WHEREAS:

More than half our citizens must augment and enhance their eyesight to see well; and WHEREAS:

The eyewear industry has responded to these needs for sight enhancement, augmentation and protection by development of eyewear that meets the needs of everyone; and WHEREAS:

The proper fitting and dispensing of eyewear requires high levels of competence to assure proper filling of the eye doctor's prescription; and WHEREAS:

The nation's 30,000 retail opticians are specially trained to assist our citizens in WHEREAS: choosing the most effective eyewear from among many thousands of choices; and

Through programs of continuing education, voluntary certification and state licensure, WHEREAS: opticians keep abreast of technological changes in spectacles and contact lenses; and

Through participation and competition in the retail marketplace the nation's opticians WHEREAS: help to keep high quality eyewear within the means of all our citizens; and

The month of January, 1989, is being celebrated as National Opticians Month under the WHEREAS: auspices of the Opticians Association of America to acknowledge the role of dispensing opticians in the cause of the most effective eyesight for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim January, 1989 to be

NATIONAL OPTICIANS MONTH

in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to take note of the role of the dispensing optician in safeguarding and promoting good vision for all.

> 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 December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

> > TATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE RCL FILED.