



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Joan Knowlton died last year at age 74, after living in a nursing home for 24 years; and
- WHEREAS: Joan served as a model for nursing residents all over the country, beginning in 1968 when she became a member of Wheels of Wonder, an organization that successfully lobbied for designation of a nursing home for younger adults; and
- WHEREAS: Joan Knowlton was one of the original leaders and a long-time member of the Minnesota Alliance for Health Care Consumers, the first statewide nursing home consumer organization in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Joan led nursing home residents' campaign to be known as "residents" rather than "patients" and strongly believed that residents must stay in control of their own lives; and
- WHEREAS: In 1989, Joan helped organize the National Coalition of Resident Councils and served as the editor of its newsletter for many years; and
- WHEREAS: The fact that she was in a wheelchair didn't stop Joan from often flying to Washington, D.C. to discuss nursing home reform and resident empowerment and to testify in Congress;
- WHEREAS: Joan Knowlton exemplified courage and determination in advocating for the rights of nursing home residents;

THE GOVERNOR IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE CREATION OF AN ANNUAL AWARD IN HONOR OF JOAN KNOWLTON, A PIONEER IN NURSING HOME RESIDENT EMPOWERMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 7, 1989 to be

IN MEMORY OF
JOAN KNOWLTON

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

JUN 1 1989

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Secretary of State

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