

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In more than 1,400 hospitals and health maintenance organizations of varying sizes throughout the nation, patient representative programs have been established to provide a liaison for patients to inform them and their families about hospital services and procedures; and

WHEREAS: While today's hospital system is keyed to deal quickly and efficiently with saving lives, alleviating pain and curing diseases, the feelings, emotional needs and extra-clinical concerns of patients have often been overlooked. In the past several decades, the health care community has attempted to deal with this deficiency through the use of patient representative programs which offer a host of services designed to humanize the hospital environment, sensitize hospital personnel to the needs and concerns of patients, and alleviate anxieties and fears as much as possible; and

WHEREAS: The National Society of Patient Representatives was founded by the American Hospital Association in March of 1987. The Minnesota Chapter was organized in April 1976 by Grace Boe, an Abbott Hospital Patient Representative, and was accepted as a National affiliated Society in 1979;

WHEREAS: Each year holds a new challenge for the Minnesota Association of Patient Representatives — which can be met with continued support and dedication of its members;

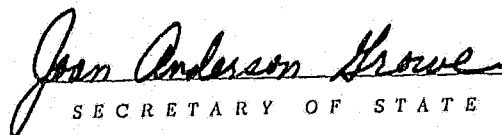
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 24-30, 1989 to be

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in Minnesota.

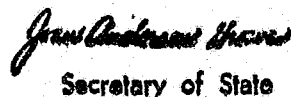
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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