



Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that between one and 1.8 million persons experience brain injuries in the United States each year, resulting in more than 100,000 deaths from these injuries; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, 50,000 or more survivors must face the permanent physical, cognitive and emotional consequences of brain injury; and
- WHEREAS:** Even people experiencing less serious brain injuries may face months of rehabilitation or permanent loss of a prior ability or skill; and
- WHEREAS:** Additional hardships can result from mounting medical costs, difficulties with the job or loss of employment and strained personal relationships; and
- WHEREAS:** In Minnesota alone, we can expect 9,600 new cases of brain injuries to occur during the coming year; and
- WHEREAS:** This "Silent Epidemic" involves such great numbers with many of the brain injuries and resulting complications being unrecognized;

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

HEAD INJURY 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 twenty-seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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