



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible disorder that affects an estimated 2.5 million American adults; and
- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death and causes approximately 150,000 deaths annually; and
- WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease affects approximately 60,000 Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: While most victims are over 65, people in their 40s and 50s and even younger can have the disease; and
- WHEREAS: The symptoms include a gradual memory loss, decline in ability to perform routine tasks, impairment of judgement, disorientation, personality change, difficulty in learning and loss of language skills; in most cases the disease will render the victims totally incapable of caring for themselves; and
- WHEREAS: The high cost of long-term care for Alzheimer's disease victims both at home and in nursing homes is estimated at more than \$48 billion annually and expected to increase to \$78 billion by 1990; and
- WHEREAS: To help ease the physical, emotional, mental and financial burdens of the families and patients, the Metro-Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA), which was founded in 1979 and was one of the first such organizations in the United States, serves most of the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The local ADRDA chapter is part of the national Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, founded in 1980 with the help of the local group;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November to be

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE 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 first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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