



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

Today I have signed Resolution 4, House File 1680, which acknowledges the legacy of our State's past institutionalization practices, and sometimes harsh or inappropriate treatment of this vulnerable population.

However, it is important to note this resolution also negatively paints with a very broad brush the actions of State employees who, in most cases, took actions based in good faith and the scientific understanding at that time.

With passage of this resolution, it is my hope that Minnesota can put this issue to rest and learn from past mistakes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator John Marty
Representative Kurt Zellers, Minority Leader
Representative Karen Clark
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Albin Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State