

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dystonia is a neurological disorder in which powerful, involuntary muscle spasms twist parts or all of the body; and
- WHEREAS: Such spasms are always disabling and often very painful; and
- WHEREAS: The cause of Dystonia is unknown and there is no cure; and
- WHEREAS: Those who suffer from Dystonia, their families, and their friends have formed the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation to lend support to those affected and to seek the cause and cure; and
- WHEREAS: The public knows little about Dystonia, which may affect as many as 300,000 people in North America; and
- WHEREAS: Many citizens react to the physical manifestations of Dystonia by avoiding those who have this disorder, causing those with the neurological disorder to experience isolation and often deep psychological distress; and
- WHEREAS: Greater recognition and understanding of dystonia both in the medical and the lay communities are highly desirable; and
- WHEREAS: Widespread public support of efforts to find the causes and cure of Dystonia is needed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 11 - 18, 1998 to be

Dystonia Awareness Week

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 eleventh day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Arne H. Carlson

GOVERNOR

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Jean A. Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

