

STATE of MINNESOTA

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WHEREAS:	The Imperial Shrine Convention, which is the annual business session for the Shrine of North America, will be held in Minnesota in 2003; and
WHEREAS:	Approximately 20,000 Shriners and their families will participate in the convention and enjoy the wonderful amenities that Minnesota has to offer; and
WHEREAS:	The purpose of the Shrine of North America is to provide orthopedic or burn victim medical treatment for children; and
WHEREAS:	These services are provided at the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, including the Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis, without cost to the families; and
WHEREAS:	The State of Minnesota recognizes and appreciates the tremendous contributions that Shriners have made to our communities in Minnesota.
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 5 – 10, 2003, as:

## SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



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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 ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the State the one hundred forty-fourth.



