



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: According to a 1996 study by the Center for Disease Control, 16 percent of 6 million plus pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or a stillbirth, resulting in nearly one million prenatal losses. Of those 6 million plus pregnancies, 62 percent (3,720,000) ended in live births and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths at 11 months or younger; and

WHEREAS: The availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to help families cope with pregnancy and infant loss; and

WHEREAS: A public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and

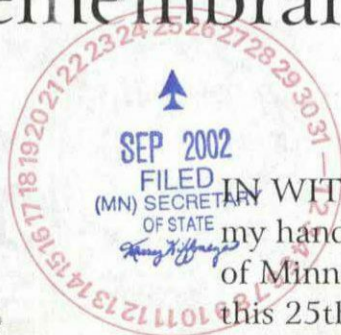
WHEREAS: Professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can serve families more effectively if they have special training and knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

WHEREAS: A Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is set aside to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost in order to heal and be comforted in a time of pain and heartache and to have hope for the future.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that Tuesday, October 15, 2002 shall be observed as:

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

In the State of 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 25th day of September in the year two thousand and two and of the State the one hundred forty-fourth.

Jesse Ventura GOVERNOR

Mary Kuffmeier SECRETARY OF STATE