

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Family caregivers provide the majority of long-term care needed by persons who are chronically ill, disabled, and older adults living in Minnesota communities; and

WHEREAS: Spouses, relatives, partners, friends, and neighbors provide a broad range of assistance that is critical to supporting independence and self-sufficiency while delaying or preventing placement in institutional settings; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's 500,000 family caregivers are a tremendous service to our state by providing more than 506 million hours of unpaid care per year; and

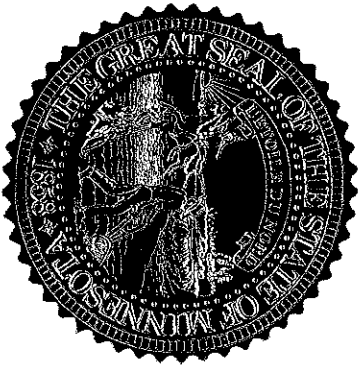
WHEREAS: Minnesota's 17,000 grandparents and other relative caregivers raising children and 18 years of age and younger are dedicated to meeting the basic needs of Minnesota's children; and

WHEREAS: Every day, family caregivers demonstrate extraordinary love, dedication, and courage in helping their family members.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2006 as:

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

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 13th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the State the one hundred forty-eighth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE