



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The burden of musculoskeletal (bone and joint) disorders, such as arthritis, back pain, childhood musculoskeletal conditions, osteoporosis, and major limb trauma, pose a significant and increasing burden on American citizens; and

WHEREAS: Patients suffering from musculoskeletal conditions, as well as the healthcare professionals who care for them, including orthopaedic surgeons, rheumatologists, physical therapists, and medical and patient health associations, are joining together to advance the understanding and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders through prevention, education, and research; and

WHEREAS: Musculoskeletal conditions adversely affect the occupational and social lives of millions of people throughout the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The more the public and patients learn about prevention activities the better they are able to prevent a musculoskeletal disorder; and

WHEREAS: The more patients with a musculoskeletal condition learn about treatment options, the better they are able to work with their healthcare professional in determining the best course of action.

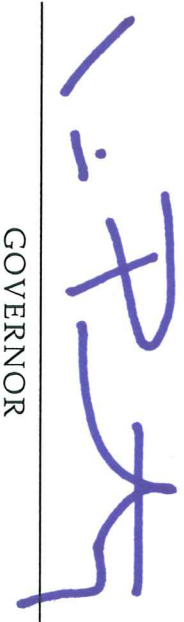
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim  
October 12-20, 2006, to be:

### BONE AND JOINT DECADE AWARENESS WEEK

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 of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the State the one hundred forty-eighth.



  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE