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PROCLAMATION

California's pride in its growth is tempered by its acknowledgment that growth is accompanied by the emergence of new problems and the aggravation of many others.

The California Society for Crippled Children and Adults has alerted the State to a "grim corollary" of our population expansion: an increase in the number of California residents handicapped by physical disabilities. This increase, in 1958, necessitated the extension of the Society's services to 21,045 crippled Californians, more than 18,000 of whom were children. The total figure represented a rise of more than 5,000 over the previous year's service load.

Since the founding of the California Society for Crippled Children in 1926, its value to the general welfare has become greater with each succeeding year. Its local county affiliates in every part of the State are assurance that every handicapped Californian, without regard to age, race, creed or cause of crippling, can receive care and can hope that he may ultimately achieve health and self-sufficiency.

California's response to the annual Easter Seal appeal for funds to finance this work has been the greatest among all the states in which the appeal is made. This year, the Easter Seal goal in California is \$1,300,000, the amount needed to continue an effective program of converting disabilities into abilities, dependency to independence, for our physically crippled.

In full cognizance of what Easter Seal services have accomplished and with full confidence in what they can contribute in the coming year, I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim the period of February 24 to March 29 as EASTER SEAL MONTH in California, and urge all to contribute to the fullest extent of their abilities toward the attainment of this year's Easter Seal campaign goal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 3rd day of February, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine.

Edmund G. Brown
Governor

ATTEST: *Lucian K. Jordan*
Secretary of State



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