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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the 30 year period between 1941 and 1971, diethylstilbestrol (DES) was a commonly prescribed synthetic hormone designed to prevent pregnancy problems; and

WHEREAS, it was later discovered that DES could be associated with a variety of medical problems occurring in the children of women who took DES; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 600,000 and 1,200,000 people in California may have been exposed to DES; and

WHEREAS, the best way to decrease the possibility of severe medical problems in exposed individuals is through early determination and detection; and

WHEREAS, the chances of early determination and detection can be increased by an effort to call attention to the problems that people exposed to DES may experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California, do hereby declare and proclaim the week of October 11-17, 1981 as DES Awareness Week and urge all Californians to learn more about DES and the problems which may have resulted from its use.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of October, A.D. nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu
Secretary of State

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