



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *in our grandfathers' days, American inventiveness was a topic of conversation and wonder throughout the civilized world; and*

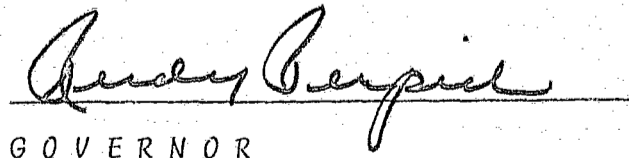
WHEREAS: *one of the first acts of the Congress of the United States was to establish the patent system under which American inventors have made outstanding contributions to the world's engineering, manufacturing and scientific projects; and*

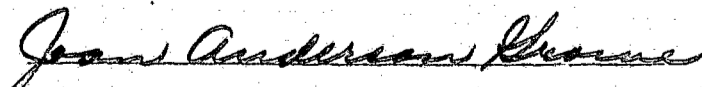
WHEREAS: *the State of Minnesota wishes to express thanks to its inventor-citizens for their contributions to the economy and welfare of this State and our Nation and to pay tribute to the United States Patent Incentive System, recalling the words of Abraham Lincoln: "The Patent System added the fuel of interest to the fire of genius.";*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 11, 1977 as

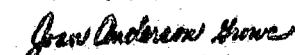
## MINNESOTA INVENTORS WEEK

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 twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred and nineteenth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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JAN 27 1977

  
Secretary of State