



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is endowed with a great variety and abundance of natural resources including 15,000 lakes, 25,000 miles of rivers and streams, fertile soils, lush green forests and clean air and water; and
- WHEREAS: the key to preserving and protecting our bountiful natural gifts is an informed and educated public, aware of the effects of their adopted lifestyles on these resources; and
- WHEREAS: for the past years, Earth Week activities in colleges and universities, high schools and grade schools and communities throughout Minnesota and the nation have enlightened and involved a wide spectrum of Americans of all ages, interests and political persuasions; and
- WHEREAS: these Earth Week activities represent and promote a greater awareness and understanding of the urgent environmental and energy-related problems facing the State of Minnesota and the Nation; and
- WHEREAS: there is a continuing need for educational institutions, state and federal agencies, civic and private organizations and dedicated individuals to observe Earth Week in Minnesota with appropriate programs, demonstrations and ceremonies dedicated to the task of wise use of energy and natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: an Aesthetic Environment Program has been developed in my office for the purpose of restoring the natural beauty of Minnesota's landscape through the removal of abandoned automobiles and dilapidated buildings, by bringing junkyards into conformance with state law, a statewide tree planting program, and community cleanup programs;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 24 to be

EARTH DAY

in Minnesota, and in special recognition of Earth-Interest Day at Bamber Valley School in Rochester.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all schools, organizations, youth groups and individual citizens in communities throughout Minnesota to review and assess environmental progress and determine what further steps must be taken to continue the nationwide effort of education on environmental problems, and to renew the commitment of each American to restoring and protecting the quality of the environment.

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-third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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