



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *it is fitting and proper that time be set aside in our busy lives as Americans to honor the original human inhabitants of this great land, a period set aside to properly thank the American Indian people for giving us the opportunity to occupy this virgin and resource-rich land of America; and*

WHEREAS: *it is equally essential that we take time to recognize with humility the harshness of humanity in our treatment of our Indian brethren and to renew our pledge to go forward as brothers of mankind, fully recognizing their values and virtues for the betterment of future generations; and*

WHEREAS: *we must note on this occasion the need for fulfilling the pledge to unite our cultures, thus combining the strength of our mutual and respective virtues as a guiding factor in moving forward together to make America a better place for all to live; and*

WHEREAS: *we plead for Divine guidance, for human understanding, and for compassion from the American Indian population of the State of Minnesota in achieving this goal;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 through May 15, 1977 as

## AMERICAN INDIAN AWARENESS WEEK

*in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to appropriately observe this historic and significant period reserved to commemorate the contributions these first citizens have made, are making, and will continue to make thus enriching the quality of life for all mankind.*

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

GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Grue*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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