



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *it is fitting and proper that time be set aside in the State of Minnesota to recognize and honor the Mexican American people as part of the first human inhabitants of this great land; and*

WHEREAS: *it is equally essential that we take time to acknowledge with humility the treatment of our Chicano brethren and to renew our pledge to go forward as brothers of mankind; and*

WHEREAS: *we note on this occasion the contributions made by the Mexican American to our society and recognize the need for fulfilling the pledge to unite our cultures, thus combining the strength of our mutual and respective heritages as a guiding factor in moving forward together; and*

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 2, 1977 as

## MEXICAN AMERICAN WEEK

*and call upon all Minnesota citizens to develop activities or attend observances highlighting the contributions that the Mexican Americans have made and will continue to make in enriching the quality of life for all Americans.*

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

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Stowe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE