



Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly in behalf of this State to protect our unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed by the Constitution against the increasing challenges to freedom on many fronts; and*

WHEREAS: *our first line of defense against the enemies of freedom is our law enforcement agencies; and*

WHEREAS: *these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Minnesotans, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and*

WHEREAS: *by the enforcement of our laws these same officers have given our State internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that continues to affect other nations and has left its blemish upon our own Nation; and*

WHEREAS: *more than at any time in our country's history, police officers have been asked to make the supreme sacrifice on behalf of the citizens which they have sworn to protect; and*

WHEREAS: *all these men and women in the law enforcement profession by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of their fellow Minnesotans;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, in honor of the municipal state and federal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 14, 1977 as

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

in Minnesota, and strongly urge our citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to honor the police and peace officers of their community and to provide a wider base of understanding of their daily responsibilities.

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 fourth day of May 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

Joan Anderson Thoreson
Secretary of State