

Proclamation

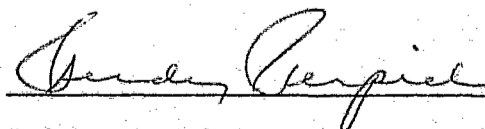
- WHEREAS: in 1816, the connectional African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by a former slave, the Rt. Rev. Richard Allen; and
- WHEREAS: the late Bishop Morris Brown organized congregations in cities along the mighty Mississippi River; and
- WHEREAS: in 1870, a group of slave descendants residing in St. Paul, banded together to organize St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Daniel Harding as her first pastor; and
- WHEREAS: three sites have been dedicated to the glory of God as houses of worship: (1) Seventh and Robert, (2) Jay and Fuller (now Galtier and Fuller), and (3) Dale and Central, the present site; and
- WHEREAS: St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church subscribes to the motto "God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother"; and
- WHEREAS: several young men have dedicated themselves to the service of the Master because of their involvement with the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church; and
- WHEREAS: the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, as a religious institution, has served the St. Paul community for more than 100 years as she lifts the banner of Christ and African Methodism; and
- WHEREAS: seeing the needs of the people of St. Paul, St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church served as sponsor of Jamestown Homes, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS: St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church has held an important position in the development of the City of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church gives thanks to God as she celebrates her One Hundred Years Plus Anniversary under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Hubert N. Robins Presiding Bishop of the 4th Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church; the Rev. C. Wesley Ellis Presiding Elder, St. Paul-Milwaukee District; and Rev. Amos T. Chester, Pastor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th through May 22nd, 1977 to be


ST. JAMES WEEK

in Minnesota.

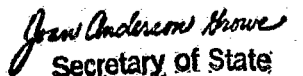
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.



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