

State of Minnesota

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: the famous "Bennington Flag" was the first version of the "Stars and Stripes" to be flown by American troops in victory; and

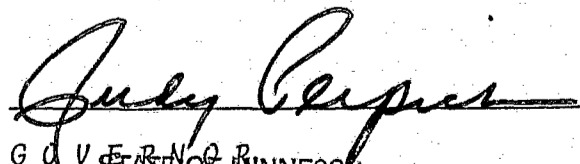
WHEREAS: the Battle of Bennington, where the flag was first unfurled, was an inspiring victory and was called by Thomas Jefferson "the first link in the chain of successes" which led to the final victory of American arms at Saratoga; and

WHEREAS: August 16, 1977 is the 200th anniversary of the historic Battle of Bennington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that the Bennington Flag, because of its role in our nation's heritage, symbolizes the "Spirit of '76"

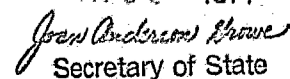
FURTHERMORE, I urge citizens to display the "Bennington Flag" on August 16, in commemoration of this historic event, and also to display in words and deeds, a new "Spirit of '76", by involving themselves more fully in public affairs at every level.

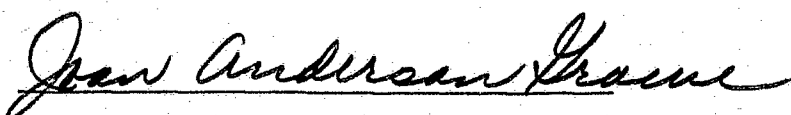
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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