



WHEREAS: during the past year preventable fires have taken 134 lives and injured hundreds

in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: destruction of property by fire resulted in an annual loss of more than sixty-two

million dollars, of an untold number of jobs, and of an irreplaceable amount of

production; and

WHEREAS: safety of life and property and conservation of natural resources are of primary

importance to every citizen of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: the effectiveness of sound fire prevention programs has been demonstrated in

communities throughout the land;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 through October 15, 1977 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Minnesota, and call upon all citizens to initiate a year-round campaign against the waste caused by preventable fires, and I urge the Chamber of Commerce, business, labor and farm organizations, as well as schools, civic groups, and public information agencies to cooperate in the observances of Fire Prevention Week.

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 fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

GOVERNOR

ECRETARY OF STATE

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