

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: *illiteracy is a serious problem throughout the world; and*
- WHEREAS: *there are 810 million people -- one-third of the human race -- who cannot read or write; and*
- WHEREAS: *there are 180,000 non-reading adults in Minnesota who are "hungry for words" and "thirsty for knowledge"; and*
- WHEREAS: *in today's society it is necessary that all citizens have an opportunity to understand the printed word; and*
- WHEREAS: *Minnesota young persons with reading problems -- the potential functional illiterates of tomorrow -- are beneficiaries of the efforts of the Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc., (MLCI) and the Right to Read Program; and*
- WHEREAS: *thousands of Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc. volunteers are teaching their non-reading friends how to read and write by using Dr. Frank C. Laubach's "Each One Teach One" method; and*
- WHEREAS: *for citizens in our correctional institutions who suffer from this handicap, the means to read are provided through Laubach materials and Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc. tutors; the continuance of "One to One" tutoring after release is stressed; and*
- WHEREAS: *the United Nations has requested that September 8, 1977 be observed throughout the world as "World Literacy Day"; and*
- WHEREAS: *the Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc., the Minnesota correctional institutions, and the Right to Read program concur in this request and also urge all Minnesota citizens to observe the month of September as "World Literacy Month" by acquainting themselves with all phases of MLCI and its work by enrolling as a student or a tutor; and*
- WHEREAS: *Minnesota citizens are also urged to acquaint their schools, colleges, businesses, libraries, Foundations and legislators with the work of the Minnesota Literacy Council and its "Each One Teach One" approach to literacy;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 8, 1977 to be

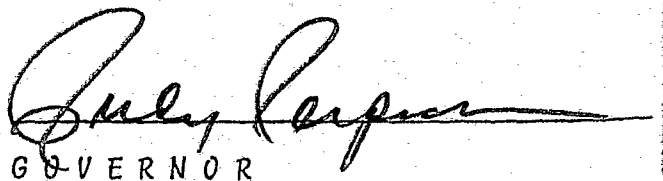
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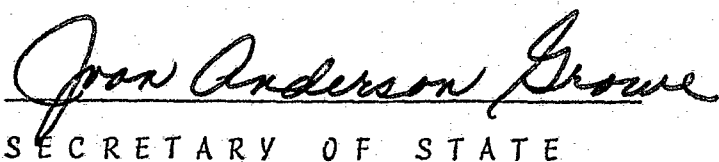
and the month of September to be

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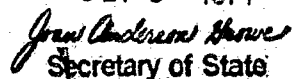
in Minnesota.

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 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


SECRETARY OF STATE

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