

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Opportunities Industrialization Center of America was founded by Reverend Leon H. Sullivan in 1964 because of an unsuccessful attempt to get jobs for young black people in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Sullivan recognized the need for a job training program for the economically disadvantaged, unemployed, and underemployed persons of our cities; and

WHEREAS: the first OIC was born in an abandoned jailhouse in Philadelphia and has grown progressively in thirteen years to become a National and International Manpower training agency with branches in more than 200 cities throughout the United States, Africa, and Latin America; and

WHEREAS: Opportunities Industrialization Centers believe in a powerful philosophy: "We help ourselves". They have demonstrated their effectiveness in helping to solve the ever-growing unemployment problem across the nation by training over 353,000 persons in 1976 alone; and

WHEREAS: Ramsey County OIC in St. Paul and Twin Cities OIC in Minneapolis work together through the OIC Minnesota State Council, thereby strengthening their programs;

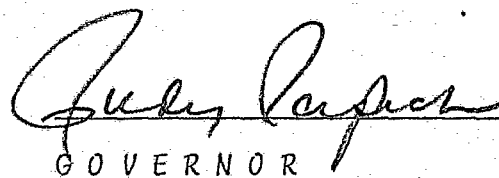
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 1977 to be

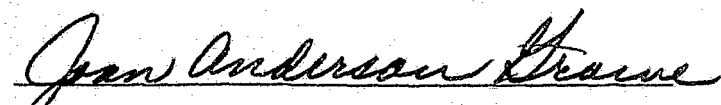
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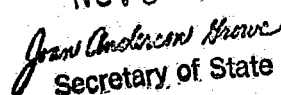
in Minnesota, in accordance with the organization's theme "Everybody can be Somebody".

FURTHERMORE, I call upon all citizens to participate in and enjoy the programs arranged for the OIC Month observance, thereby encouraging and assisting OIC in its noble mission.

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 tenth day of November 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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