



Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the Jewish holiday of Purim to be celebrated March 22, 1978 commemorates the ancient struggle for religious freedom; and*

WHEREAS: *the holiday of Passover to be celebrated in April 21, 1978 commemorates the Jewish Exodus and the struggles of all peoples to overcome tyranny; and*

WHEREAS: *the Minnesota-Dakotas Action Committee for Soviet Jewry seeks greater public recognition of the fact that Jews and other minorities in the Soviet Union are being deprived of their human rights in direct violation of international agreements, such as the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Accord;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 22 through April 21, 1978 to be

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in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to renew their commitment to human rights for all people.

FURTHERMORE, I call upon the Soviet Union to implement the signed agreements to grant the rights of religious freedom and emigration.

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 ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE

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