

# Proclamation

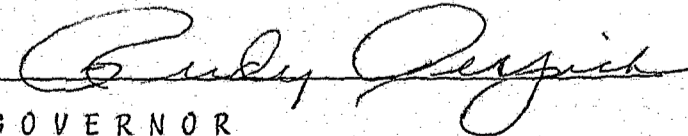
- HEREAS: many parents who choose not to breast feed their babies lack adequate financial resources to purchase the proper amount of artificial infant formula; and
- HEREAS: these parents also may lack the knowledge of and facilities to maintain the hygienic practices necessary to the safe and healthy development of the infant; and
- HEREAS: in these circumstances, infant formula is frequently overdiluted and contaminated causing malnutrition, disease and death; and
- HEREAS: these problems, though severe in the Third World, also exist in Minnesota among low income families, on Indian reservations and elsewhere; and
- HEREAS: bottle feeding is being promoted for infant formula sales regardless of its social and economic impact by several American and foreign corporations; and
- HEREAS: members of the Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACT), composed of various groups and citizens who are deeply concerned about the issue, are taking action to promote breast feeding, educate the public, and influence the policies of the involved corporations through stockholder resolutions and boycotts;

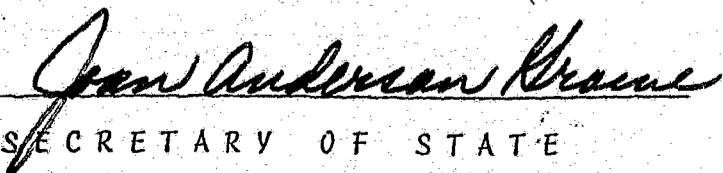
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 13, 1978 to be

## INFANT FORMULA ACTION DAY

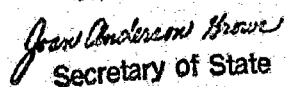
in Minnesota.

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 thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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