

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *it is fitting and desirable that time be set aside in our routine of daily living to honor those original inhabitants of this great land, to set aside a period of time to pay homage to those who relinquished life, land and resources in order that Minnesota and America could become state and nation; and*

WHEREAS: *it is incumbent upon us to recognize with honesty and clarity that our attitudes and treatment of Native American people have not always been just and honorable and that in order to become citizens together there must be a recognition and sharing of values and ideas for our mutual benefit; and*

WHEREAS: *Native American people lament the near loss of valuable customs, ceremonies and traditions of native people, and pledge to work together toward the restoration and maintaining of heritage and pride, and to the uniting of our mutual strengths and resources in making better lives for us all; and*

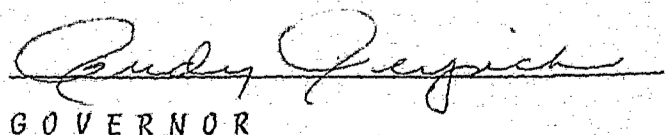
WHEREAS: *Native Americans seek Divine guidance and the combined commitment and compassion of all the people of the state of Minnesota in achieving this goal;*

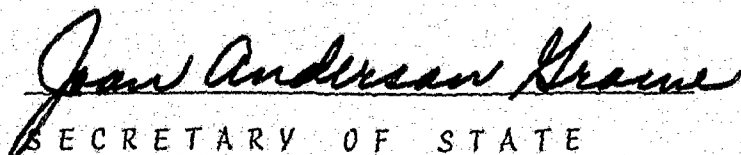
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 through May 14, 1978 to be

## AMERICAN INDIAN AWARENESS WEEK

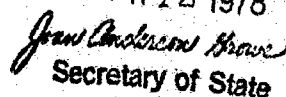
*in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to observe and participate in this historic and significant time set aside to celebrate the contributions of this nation's first citizens.*

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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