Proclamation

WHEREAS: the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children is an organization of professional educators concerned with life opportunities of Minnesotans in general and exceptional Minnesotans specifically; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is nationally recognized as providing leadership in all areas including exceptional citizens' lives; and

WHEREAS: the continuous effort in Minnesota for decades to obtain appropriate services for exceptional children has resulted in the development of legislation, policies and management systems to facilitate and guarantee that each exceptional child receives the services that he or she requires; and

WHEREAS: concern for the wholeness of the school and community in the decision-making process affecting exceptional children has yielded procedures involving children and their parents or guardians in that process; and

WHEREAS: the quality of life in Minnesota invites a constantly growing population, the need for public information, attitude and idea dissemination and advocacy within local communities remains a critical and viable mechanism for maintaining our rate of progress in developing a state with appropriate life opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS: there are an estimated 100,000 exceptional children in Minnesota who must be assured of appropriate life opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1978 to be

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH

and May 13, 1978 to be

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

in Minnesota, in recognition of the fourth annual Exceptional Children's Fair sponsored by the College of St. Thomas.

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

Rudy Perpich

GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Growe

SECRETARY OF STATE