



Proclamation

WHEREAS: among the most severely affected victims of violent crimes are our senior citizens who seldom fully recover their psychological, physical, or financial health and well-being and are among the least able to bring attention to their plight; and

WHEREAS: there has been insufficient attention to the rights of victims and witnesses in our society; and

WHEREAS: it is the duty of all citizens and institutions to play positive roles in improving the plight of victims of violent crime and their survivors and to restore effectiveness to the administration of criminal justice; and

WHEREAS: better reporting of crime and greater willingness of persons to testify are essential to the control of crime and the improvement of justice; and

WHEREAS: creating a better understanding of the rights of victims and witnesses and the nature of our criminal justice system will help to achieve the goals of crime reduction, and the restoration of fairness and effectiveness to the administration of criminal justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 27 through September 2, 1978 as

VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

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 twenty-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

GOVERNOR STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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James B. Anderson
Secretary of State

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