



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Future Farmers of America with vocational agriculture education is a strong force for America's agriculture; and

WHEREAS: Members of the FFA are playing an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS: The FFA motto - "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve" - gives a direction of purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS: The 1980 theme is "Preparing for Progress"; and

WHEREAS: The FFA's main objectives are to provide supervised occupational experience programs in all phases of the agricultural industry, to emphasize the development of leadership, citizenship, personal improvement and occupational responsibility; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota Association FFA, an organization composed of 16,055 active members; and

WHEREAS: Dennis Ringhofer reigns as Regional Star Farmer, Mike Benson reigns as National Forest Management Proficiency winner, and Winona and Pelican Rapids reign as National Contest winners; and

WHEREAS: Eighteen FFA chapters earned national championships in agricultural activities at the 52nd National FFA Convention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of February 16 through February 23, 1980 to be

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in Minnesota, and have asked Lieutenant Governor Lou Wangberg to prepare this proclamation for my signature and disseminate the same. I further urge all citizens to be cognizant of the many contributions made to our state by FFAers and to encourage the further development and growth of this vocational student organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Secretary of State

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