

Proclamation

WHEREAS: CRIME CONTINUES TO BE A CRITICAL SOCIAL PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS: AT LEAST ONE IN FIVE AMERICANS BECOME VICTIMS OF CRIME EACH YEAR; AND

WHEREAS: CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IN ITS EFFORTS TO APPREHEND, PROSECUTE AND FAIRLY SANCTION CRIMINAL OFFENDERS; AND

WHEREAS: THE SERIOUS NATURE OF CRIME IS MOST CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED IN ITS DEVASTATING IMPACT ON THE VICTIM; AND

WHEREAS: THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE MANDATES THAT THE CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA AND THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS, WITNESSES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS OR SURVIVORS;

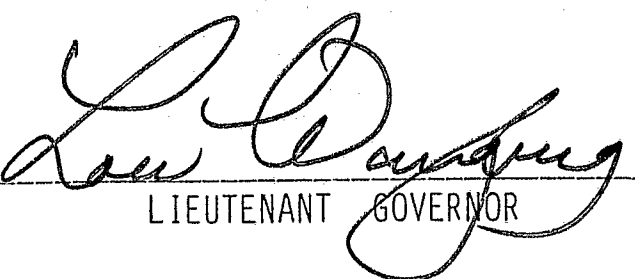
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 20 THROUGH 26, 1981 TO BE

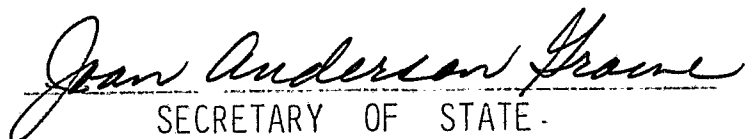
VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE CITIZENS TO SUPPORT VICTIMS RIGHTS IN MINNESOTA THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AND STATE ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THOSE RIGHTS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DO BE AFFIXED THIS NINTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.


GOVERNOR


LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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