



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 touching 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 77,000 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 April, 1983, to be

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH

and Saturday, April 16, 1983, to be

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

in Minnesota, and encourage all civic organizations to arrange activities and functions to raise the level of awareness among our citizens, to better understand how their attitude towards exceptionality impacts the lives of thousands in the State of 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 fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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