



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The flow of emigration of Soviet Jewry has come to a halt under new and more oppressive changes in Soviet policy; and

WHEREAS: The right to leave is contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the right to family reunification is recognized by the signatories to the Helsinki Accords; and

WHEREAS: Jews remain the only recognized nationality in the USSR deprived of their cultural and linguistic identity, and the exercise of the Jewish religion has been restricted in a manner which is excessive even by the standards of Soviet law; and

WHEREAS: Jews are threatened by a systematic Soviet propaganda assault disguised as anti-Zionism; and

WHEREAS: Jews are subject to discrimination in higher education and employment; and

WHEREAS: The Soviet Union is a signatory to the Helsinki Accords, and a contracting party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education, which obligates it to fulfill the cultural rights and minorities; and

WHEREAS: The Soviet constitution guarantees cultural and linguistic rights, but these are not applied uniformly and consistently to Jews; and

WHEREAS: March 15 is the opening of the third World Conference on Soviet Jewry in Jerusalem and communities throughout the state of Minnesota will observe a Day of Solidarity with Soviet Jews on that date;

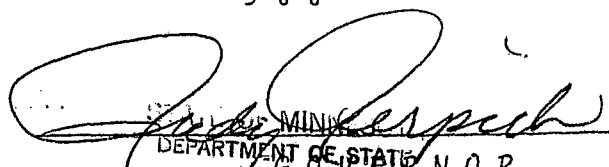
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 15, 1983, to be

SOVIET JEWRY SOLIDARITY DAY

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 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.


SECRETARY OF STATE


RUDY PERPICH
GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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