

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Agriculture is recognized as "America's Heartbeat"; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture employs more than 22 percent of the nation's workforce, and in Minnesota approximately one-third of our citizens derive their income from the production, processing, transportation and marketing of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS: Twenty percent of the United States' gross national product reflects expenditures for agricultural products; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's food and fiber industries provide about 40 percent of our state's gross economic products; and

WHEREAS: It is important that all Minnesotans understand how agriculture affects their lives and how a prosperous agricultural industry greatly benefits their well being;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18 through March 24, 1983, to be

AGRICULTURE WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesota citizens, both rural and urban, to foster a better understand of agriculture as one of the bounties and strengths of our nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State one hundred twenty-Xi6th.

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