



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Violent crime has been rising at a rate of five percent each year; and

WHEREAS: Losses from crime costs this country over \$75 billion annually; and

WHEREAS: The innocent victims of crime have been ignored and witnesses are often treated like evidence rather than people; and

WHEREAS: The injuries--financial, physical and psychological--leave victims of crime devastated; and

WHEREAS: American traditions of compassion, dignity and justice mandate that all citizens of the United States receive the same opportunity to be treated with justice and respect; and

WHEREAS: Heretofore such treatment has not been afforded to victims, witnesses and their loved ones or survivors;

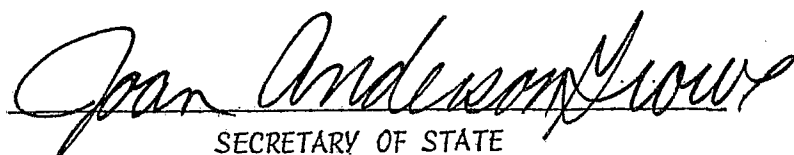
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17 through April 23, 1983, to be

### VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens and institutions, public and private, to support the establishment and enforcement of victim rights through participation in local and state activities commemorating those rights.

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 fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Joan Anderson Brown  
Secretary of State

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