



Proclamation

WHEREAS: There are 13.5 million small businesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Businesses employing fewer than 500 persons comprise more than 99% of Minnesota's 98,792 private enterprises; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota businesses with fewer than 20 employees employ more than 85% of the state's work force; and

WHEREAS: From 1969 - 1976, businesses with fewer than 500 employees generated 86.7% of all new jobs nationwide with 66% of employment growth from businesses with 20 or fewer employees

WHEREAS: 50% of all inventions, innovations and patents are developed by small businesses; and

WHEREAS: The growth and prosperity of Minnesota's small business is essential to the economic well being of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9 through May 15, 1983, to be

MINNESOTA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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John Anderson, Sec.
Secretary of State

in Minnesota, in recognition of the contributions made by Minnesota's small businesses to the state economy both in innovations and employment.

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Rudy Perpich
John Anderson

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 ninth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and