



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; and
- WHEREAS: Deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our Nation; and
- WHEREAS: Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Many of our great national leaders - among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln and Wilson - paid tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's development; and
- WHEREAS: The history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families and societies; and
- WHEREAS: This Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and
- WHEREAS: That renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a nation and a people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim 1983 as the

YEAR OF THE BIBLE

in Minnesota.

Further, I encourage all citizens, each in his or her own way, to re-examine and rediscover its priceless and timeless message.

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Rudy Perpich
Jean Anderson Browe

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 thirteenth day of May in the