



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: *The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to the fight to prevent birth defects, America's number one child health crisis, striking more than a quarter of a million children each year; and*

WHEREAS: *The March of Dimes Reading Olympics is an incentive program designed to involve children in a fulfilling, stimulating effort to help the fight against birth defects; and*

WHEREAS: *The Reading Olympics provides the opportunity for students to discover the joy of books, improve reading skills, and look upon reading as an enjoyable and valuable activity;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16 through October 22, 1983, to be

MARCH OF DIMES READING OLYMPICS AWARENESS WEEK

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Joan Anderson Shaver  
Secretary of State

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to encourage volunteer student participation in this worthwhile and self-rewarding reading program.

*Rudy Perpich*  
*Joan Anderson Shaver*

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 twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three and of the State the one hundred and twenty-fifth.