



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's agricultural land occupies nearly 51 million acres on which its 105,000 farms produced about 40 percent of the state's overall Gross State Product in 1982; and

WHEREAS: From 1969 to 1978, the state lost more than 100,000 acres of productive farmland to overdevelopment, wind and water erosion, and is losing another 100 million tons of topsoil each year due to this erosion and by inadequate conservation methods; and

WHEREAS: This continuing loss of productive farmland and topsoil is a dramatic problem that warrants continued monitoring and action by private property owners, the State Legislature and all appropriate state and local public officials; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota began addressing the pressing need for conservation of prime farmland in 1979, and passed the 1982 Agricultural Conservation and Preservation Act into law last year to solve this vital problem;

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

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION WEEK

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in Minnesota, to recognize the vital importance of conserving our farmland, and our family farm system in the process.

Jan Anderson Howe
Rudy Perpich

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 sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.