



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The leading cause of accidental death to persons between the ages of birth and forty-four is from injuries received in automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS: Hundreds of additional people receive disabling injuries such as permanent brain damage, disfigurement, epilepsy and paraplegia; and

WHEREAS: The families of automobile accident victims suffer both emotional and economic trauma as a result of these unnecessary deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS: Fully half of the 581 people who died last year in Minnesota from motor vehicle accidents could have been saved if they were wearing their safety belts; and

WHEREAS: To employers, motor vehicle crashes represent the number one cause of both lost work time and on-the-job fatalities; and

WHEREAS: Each employee fatality is estimated to cost the employer \$120,000 in direct payments for medical care, property damage and fringe benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 1984, to be

CORPORATE SAFETY BELT PROMOTION

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all Minnesotans to join with the Minnesota Occupant Restraint Program, the Minnesota Safety Council, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the Minnesota Department of Health, and other agencies to encourage all people to "BUCKLE-UP" whenever riding in a motor vehicle.

Rudy Perpich
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Secretary of State

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

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