



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Child abuse is a preventable national tragedy, from which one million American children suffer each year, and which in the United States is the leading cause of death of children under the age of three; and
- WHEREAS: A majority of states have reported the severity of child abuse increasing dramatically in 1982 and 1983; and
- WHEREAS: The financial cost society bears in dealing with the results of child abuse is enormous, with the cost in human suffering and waster individual potential immeasurable; and
- WHEREAS: The National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse believes that prevention, and the saving of lives and dollars, is even more important than treating the problem after it occurs; and
- WHEREAS: Prevention activities can keep people out of an already over-burdened and expensive social-service system; and
- WHEREAS: The National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse believes that abuse believes that abuse can only be prevented through the development of activities and increased awareness at the community and local levels; and
- WHEREAS: Kappa Delta Sorority has undertaken a nationwide fundraising campaign on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1984, with 80 percent of the money raised to be used in locally supported child-abuse prevention efforts, and 20 percent to go to the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 17, 1984, to be

KAPPA DELTA CHILD-ABUSE PREVENTION DAY

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Secretary of State

in Minnesota and urge all citizens of this state to support the activities of Kappa Delta Sorority on behalf of the prevention of child abuse.

*Rudy Perpich*  
*Joan 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 sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

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