



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The soybean is consistently Minnesota's leading cash field crop, annually grossing this state's 40,000 farm producers one billion dollars or more; and
- WHEREAS: The further processing of soybeans into an increasing variety of food and industrial products for domestic and export market consumption supports more than 1,000 off farm jobs in this state; and
- WHEREAS: The full economic benefit to the people of Minnesota from soybean production and processing is estimated at three to five times its contribution of our state's farm income; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is beginning its second decade of aggressive, farmer financed and managed research and promotional activity, in cooperation with the American Soybean Association, and with federal and state matching funds; and
- WHEREAS: The full economic potential of this amazing agricultural crop remains to be developed for the mutual benefit of farmers, consumers and job seekers; and
- WHEREAS: The farmer elected leadership of the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association and the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council have determined that the past seven years of national inflation have eroded the financial ability of the existing one cent per bushel marketing checkoff to adequately support a desirable level of continuing research and development of new and expanded global markets; and
- WHEREAS: More than 1,400 Minnesota soybean producers have petitioned in support of an increase in the soybean marketing checkoff to two cents per bushel, and the Commissioner of Agriculture has properly scheduled a state wide referendum of soybean producers on the checkoff increase for April 10, 1984; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Legislature has recognized by statute that the cooperative research and promotion to improve the methods of producing, processing and marketing of agricultural commodities is in the interests of the public welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4 through April 10, 1984, to be

SOYBEAN PROMOTION WEEK

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Jan Anderson Brube
Secretary of State

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in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to join with our state's farmers in recognizing the established importance and the increased contributions that soybean production, processing, research and promotion have made and which will further enrich the progress and quality of life for all citizens of Minnesota.

Rudy Perpich
Jan Anderson Brube

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

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