



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program) provides food assistance to our State's most vulnerable group -- low-income pregnant women, their infants and small children; and
- WHEREAS: The WIC Program is unique in that it is the only food program that uses a health care setting to provide individually tailored food packages along with nutrition education to participants; and
- WHEREAS: The WIC Program has drawn many low-income women into the health care system and helped make regular health care part of their lives; and
- WHEREAS: The WIC Program, in numerous studies, has showed positive trends in the reduction of both infant mortality and in the incidence of low birth weight; and
- WHEREAS: The WIC Program provides these services to over 50,000 participants each month in Minnesota, through the State Health Department and 54 local health agencies; and
- WHEREAS: The WIC Program has significantly improved the health and nutritional status of hundreds of thousands of Minnesota's women and children; and
- WHEREAS: The WIC Program marks its 10th Anniversary this year in Minnesota;

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

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in Minnesota, and urge our citizens to recognize the importance of this valuable food program.

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*Joan Anderson Brown*  
*Rudy Perpich*

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-second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-sixth.

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