

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: Agriculture is recognizes as "America's Heartbeat"; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture employs more than 22 percent of the nation's workforce, and in Minnesota

approximately one-third of our citizens derive their income from the production, pro-

cessing, transportation and marketing of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS: Twenty percent of the United States' gross national product reflects expenditures for

agricultural products; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's food and fiber industries provide about 40 percent of our state's gross

economic products; and

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WHEREAS: It is important that all Minnesotans understand how agriculture affects their lives and

how a prosperous agricultural industry greatly benefits their well being;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week.

March 16 through March 22, 1984, to be

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in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesota citizens, both rural and urban, to foster a better understanding of agriculture as one of the bounties and strengths of our nation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightyfour, and of the State the one hundred twen sixth.