

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Many communities in our state have been faced with the dilemma of meeting increasing needs for services with dwindling resources; and

WHEREAS: Across our state, volunteerism has fostered the development of community partnerships by bringing together the public and private sectors to address the pressing challenges that are facing our communities; and

WHEREAS: A result of this teamwork has been the development and implementation of new and creative solutions to problems; and

WHEREAS: This new team work has resulted in meeting emergency food and shelter needs, development of stronger service networks, increased and more effective use of citizens in the planning and delivery of services, identification of commonalities between sectors, heightened community identity and spirit of cooperation, and a sharing of resources; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers have played an integral role in the growth of these new partnerships; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers, through their concern, commitment and their generous gifts of time, energy, and expertise have made our state and our communities a better place to live; and

WHEREAS: Recognition should also be given to the individual volunteers who have contributed to the health, education, welfare, recreation, environment and culture of our state for the benefit of their fellow citizens and their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week May 6 through May 12, 1984, to be

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK

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in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesota citizens to express appreciation for those selfless efforts and resources expended by Minnesota's many volunteers.

FURTHER, I urge all Minnesotans to come together in the spirit of cooperation to form new

ENCOURAGE the involvement of volunteers, wherever appropriate, in the programs of state agencies, local government, private nonprofit agencies, and other private service organizations; and CALL on all Minnesota citizens to join in the spirit of giving and teamwork by volunteering to renew and sustain the vitality of our communities and state.

Ludy Serpish

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 fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightyfour, and of the State the one hundred twenty.

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