



## Proclamation

REAS: Serious crime continues to ravage at least one third of all American households each year; and

REAS: The victims of crime often face serious financial, physical, and psychological losses; and

REAS: Traditionally such injuries have been ignored and witnessed have been treated like evidence rather than people; and

REAS: Certain types of victims - children, victims of family violence, minorities, and the poor - have often suffered even more when they found that they had little access to the social service and criminal justice systems; and

REAS: All citizens of the United States should have an equal opportunity to be treated with compassion, dignity and justice; and

REAS: Heretofore such treatment has not been afforded to all victims, witnesses, and their loved-ones or survivors;

W, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 15 through April 21, 1984, to be

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Minnesota.

RTHER, I urge all citizens and institutions, public and private, to support the establishment and enforcement of victims rights in Minnesota through participation in local and state activities commemorating those rights.

*Jan Anderson Howe*  
*Rudy Perpich*

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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 fourth day of April 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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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*John Anderson*  
Secretary of State