



## Proclamation

- HEREAS: There are 13.5 million small businesses in the United States; and
- HEREAS: Businesses employing fewer than 500 persons compromise more than 99% of Minnesota's 105,516 private enterprises; and
- HEREAS: Minnesota businesses with fewer than 20 employees employ more than 85% of the State's work force; and
- HEREAS: From 1969-1976, businesses with fewer than 500 employees generated 86.7% of all new jobs nationwide and 66% of employment growth from businesses with 20 or fewer employees; and
- HEREAS: Fifty percent of all inventions, innovations and patents are developed by small businesses; and
- HEREAS: The growth and prosperity of Minnesota's small business is essential to the economic well being of our State;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of <sup>May</sup> May 7 through May 12, 1984, to be

# Small Business Week

Minnesota.

*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 sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-

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O.D.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*John Andrew Howe*  
Secretary of State