



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Serious crime continues to ravage at least one third of all American households each year; and
- WHEREAS: The victims of crime often face serious financial, physical, and psychological losses; and
- WHEREAS: Traditionally such injuries have been ignored and witnessed have been treated like evidence rather than people; and
- WHEREAS: 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
- WHEREAS: All citizens of the United States should have an equal opportunity to be treated with compassion, dignity and justice; and
- WHEREAS: Heretofore such treatment has not been afforded to all victims, witnesses, and their loved-ones or survivors;
- WHEREAS: A Crime Victims Task Force is hereby created, to review and catalog crime victim services in Minnesota and other states; evaluate needs of crime victims and gaps in services; and prepare a report with recommendations to the Governor, the Attorney General and the Legislature; and
- WHEREAS: The Task Force shall consist of five (5) crime victims, two legislators, one representative each from law enforcement, prosecution, defense, trial court judge; and one member of the Crime Victims Reparations Board; The Chair shall be a crime victim;
- NOW, 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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FURTHER, 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.

Joan Anderson Grove
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 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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