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Proclamation
WHEREAS: The Great Jim Thorpe Longest Run is a spiritual run, commemorating the traditions of
the Indian culture; and
WHEREAS: Beginning in May, 1984, the Run will travel through 14 states, with runners carrying
tobacco as a symbol for safety during their journey; and
WHEREAS: The runners in the Great Jim Thorpe Longest Run are to be commended for their commit-
ment and dedication to this cause, in the memory of Jim Thorpe, one of the outstanding
athletes of modern times; and
WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud to be host to a part of this Run, for those of Indian heritage have
made innumerable and valuable contributions to the development and growth of this
State; and
WHEREAS: In honor of Jim Thorpe, and the celebrations surrounding his legacy, including the Jim
Thorpe Memorial Pow-Wow and Native Games near the site of the 1984 Summer Olympics;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of
June 11 through June 17, 1984, to be
THE GREAT JIM THORPE LONGEST RUN WEEK
in Minnesota.
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 eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-
four, and of the State the one hundred twenty- seventh.
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