

GOVERNOR RUDY PERPICH

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NEWS RELEASE

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The year 1984 marks the fortieth anniversary of the introduction of Smokey Bear as the symbol of the unique, highly-successful forest fire prevention campaign; and

WHEREAS: Smokey Bear has encouraged several generations of children across our Nation to help prevent wildfires by becoming junior forest rangers; and

WHEREAS: Smokey Bear is responsible for a great reduction in the incidence of forest fires in Minnesota and throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS: Smokey Bear has saved taxpayers billions of dollars in firefighting costs and timber resources; and

WHEREAS: Smokey Bear will continue to promote wildfire prevention among person of all ages and to protect Minnesota's timber resources for industry and outdoor recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17 through June 23, 1984, to be

SMOKEY BEAR WEEK

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge citizens to continue to be careful with fire in our beautiful Minnesota forest areas and to follow the example set by Smokey Bear.

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 fourteenth 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

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Lunde
SECRETARY OF STATE

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