



Proclamation

WHEREAS: From 1977 to 1980, the number of women engaged in the non-agricultural private sector industries increased to 30,917,000 nationally; and

WHEREAS: From 1980 to 1982, the number of women operated sole proprietorships grew to 2,309,000 nationally, accounting for 31.8% of the nation's sole proprietorships; and

WHEREAS: In the State of Minnesota, women operated sole proprietorships account for almost 25% of the state's total; and

WHEREAS: In the State of Minnesota, there are approximately 70,000 women operated sole proprietorships generating business receipts of almost \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS: Women owned businesses are the fastest growing segment of the small business community and nearly one half of all women owned businesses are in the service sector which creates 60% of all new jobs; and

WHEREAS: Over 150 volunteers from Minnesota's women's business and professional community, in partnership with the State of Minnesota, Minnesota's educational community and the federal government have organized a historic conference for women business owners, women desiring to start a business and professional women; and

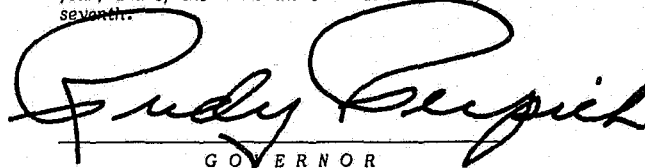
WHEREAS: In recognition of the contributions of women business owners to the State of Minnesota, the Third Annual Women's Trade Fair, last year drawing over 1,500 visitors with more than 200 exhibitors, will be combined with this conference;

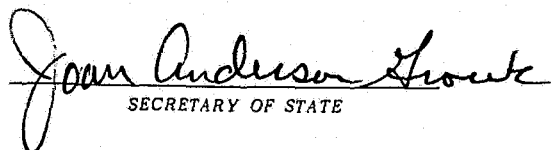
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 9 through September 15, 1984, to be

MINNESOTA WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERSHIP WEEK

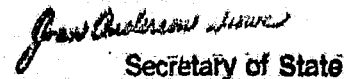
in Minnesota.

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 thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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