



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Traffic crashes cause more violent deaths in the United States than any other cause; and
- WHEREAS: Between 45 and 55 percent of fatally injured drivers have alcohol concentrations in their blood above the legal limit; and
- WHEREAS: Traffic crashes also play a substantial role in serious injuries, causing most of the new cases of epilepsy and paraplegia in the United States each year; and
- WHEREAS: The total societal cost of drunk driving has been estimated to be as high as \$25 billion a year, which does not include the human suffering that can never be measured; and
- WHEREAS: Awareness of the problems of drunk and drugged driving may help to sustain current efforts to develop comprehensive solutions at the State and local levels; and
- WHEREAS: There are increasing reports of collisions involving drivers who have used prescription or illegal drugs; and
- WHEREAS: Increased public knowledge about the problem of drunk and drugged driving may convince alcohol and drug users to refrain from driving, and may stimulate interest in research about effects of drugs on driving ability and the incidence of traffic crashes; and
- WHEREAS: It is psychologically important both for society in general and for individuals and families directly affected by drunk driving crashes that the voices of the victims should be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 8 through December 14, 1985, to be

DRUNK & DRUGGED DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota, in support of national and local observances.

FURTHER, I remind our fellow citizens that safety belts and child safety seats are our best defense against all the hazards of the road.

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

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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