



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The efforts of individual volunteers have contributed to the betterment of the education, recreation, welfare, health, culture, economy and environment of our state; and
- WHEREAS: Over half of all Minnesotans above the age of 18 (and almost an equal number of younger teens) work in some way to help others for no monetary pay; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a long, continuous history of people voluntarily working together for community improvement which extends back to the pioneer spirit of pitching in to help neighbors in times of need; and
- WHEREAS: Government, business and the voluntary sector are developing an increasing number of partnerships aimed at implementing new and creative solutions to problems ranging from meeting emergency food and shelter needs to an increased effectiveness in the use of citizens in the planning and delivery of other important services; and
- WHEREAS: Voluntary giving of time and donations of money have an economic impact of over \$1 billion dollars each year in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The concern, commitment and generous gifts of time, energy and expertise by volunteers have made our state and our communities a better place in which to live; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is nationally recognized as a leader in the innovative and investive development of effective volunteer programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22 through April 28, 1985, to be

## Volunteer Recognition Week

in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesota citizens to express feelings of appreciation for those efforts and actions taken by Minnesota's many volunteers and volunteer programs.

FURTHER, I urge all Minnesotans to encourage the involvement of volunteers, wherever appropriate, in the programs of state agencies, local government, private nonprofit agencies and other private service organizations; and call on all Minnesota citizens to join in the spirit of giving and teamwork by volunteering to renew and sustain the vitality of our communities and state.

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 third day of December 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 Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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