

WHEREAS: The 1984 theme of the Future Farmers of America organization is "Keep Agriculature \#1Support FFA and Vocational Agriculture"; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Minnesota's number one industry; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture utilizes a high degree of scientific and technological knowledge; and

WHEREAS: Highly quallfied men and women are needed to ensure the continued productivity of Agriculture: and

WHEREAS: There is a shortage of qualified Agricultural personnel for the industry; and

WHEREAS: Vocational Agriculture/Agribusiness Education programs in two hundred seventy-five Minnesota High Schools provide opportunities for students to develop a foundation in the basic and higher order skills, as well as competence and proficiency in Agricultural science, technology, financial management, entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS: Activities of the Future Farmers of America are designed to aid students in developing eadership, promote good citizenship, inspire patriotism, teach members to work cooperatively and harmoniously with others, as well as other societal and life skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, 1 , Rudy Perpich, Governor of the Strte of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 16 through Febriary 23, 1985, to be

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in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to "Keep Agriculture \#1 - Support FFA and Vocational Agriculture".

FURTHER, I urge citizens to be aware of the many constructive contributions Vocational Agricultural Education has made in expanding the education of its members, and the educaticn of Minnesota citizens


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