



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Building blocks are recognized as a medium of self expression; and
- WHEREAS: Block play encourages cooperative activity among children and helps them conceptualize the master reality by creating model settings; and
- WHEREAS: Creativity enhances the value of children's play and much stimulation to thinking comes from working out problems; and
- WHEREAS: The Gifted/Talented educational program is designed to assist exceptional children in realizing their potential; and
- WHEREAS: The Study of Fort Snelling is part of a Social Studies Unit in most Minnesota elementary school curriculums and a popular field trip for school age children; and
- WHEREAS: Fort Snelling, which opens its doors on May 1st for the 1985 summer season, is recognized as a state historical landmark; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, under the auspices of the Governor's Office, is celebrating its historical and tourist attractions; and
- WHEREAS: The initiation and sponsorships to recognize Gifted/Talented children for their interest and motivation in independent and curriculum related projects such as the FORT SNELLING BLOCK BUILDING BUST has been jointly undertaken by the following businesses and educational communities: LOTSA-BLOCKS, Southdale, Fort Snelling, Bennett Lumber Company of Minneapolis, Abbot Paint Company on Grand Avenue, Grand Avenue Hardware, Warner's Hardware of Roseville, Maertz Contracting Company of Minneapolis, the Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children, the Minnesota Council for Gifted and Talented, Minnesota Educators of Gifted and Talented, NOVA program Chelsea Heights and Project Create at Longfellow School of St. Paul, the Key Program at Forest Hills Elementary in Eden Prairie, Exploration at Tuttle and Marcy Gifted and Resource - Minneapolis, GATE Program at Oak Grove in Bloomington, Gifted/Talented at Olson Junior High in Bloomington, High Achievers at Hillcrest Elementary in Bloomington, the Seekers at Bancroft in Minneapolis, Enrichment Resource Class of Richfield Intermediate, Minnetonka High Potential Program (WINGS), Fifth Grade Math Logic Class at Orono Middle School in Long Lake, Different Dimensions at Susan Lindgren Elementary in St. Louis Park, Enriched classes at Valley Middle Schools in Apple Valley, and Kids' Club of Edina; and
- WHEREAS: The building of Fort Snelling out of 60,000 Lotsa-Blocks by 180 children presently enrolled in grades four through seven and involved in Gifted/Talented programs in the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area will take place at Southdale between April 1 & 6; and
- WHEREAS: April is Gifted and Talented Youth Month and April 7-14 is Week of the Young Child;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1 through April 6, 1985, to be

FORT SNELLING BLOCK BUST WEEK AT SOUTHDALE

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of 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 twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

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