



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: There are 13.5 million small businesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Businesses employing fewer than 500 persons comprise more than 99% of Minnesota's 105,516 private enterprises; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota businesses with fewer than 20 employees employ more than 85% of the State's work force; and

WHEREAS: From 1969-1976, businesses with fewer than 500 employees generated 86.7% of all new jobs nationwide and 66% of employment growth from businesses with 20 or fewer employees; and

WHEREAS: Fifty percent of all inventions, innovations and patents are developed by small businesses; and

WHEREAS: The growth and prosperity of Minnesota's small business is essential to the economic well being of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through May 11, 1985, to be

## Small Business Week

in Minnesota.

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*Joan 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-second 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.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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