



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The flow of emigration of Soviet Jewry has been drastically reduced in the last five years -- from 51,000 in 1975 to less than one thousand in 1984; and

WHEREAS: The right to leave is contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the right to family reunification is recognized by the signatories to the Helsinki Accords; and

WHEREAS: Jews remain the only recognized nationality in the USSR deprived of their cultural and linguistic identity, and the exercise of the Jewish religion has been restricted in a manner which is excessive even by the standards of Soviet law; and

WHEREAS: Jews are threatened by a systematic Soviet propaganda assault disguised as anti-Zionism; and

WHEREAS: Jews are subject to discrimination in higher education and employment; and

WHEREAS: The Soviet Union is a signatory to the Helsinki Accords, and a contracting party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education, which obligates it to fulfill the cultural rights of minorities; and

WHEREAS: The Soviet constitution guarantees cultural and linguistic rights, but these are not applied uniformly and consistently to Jews; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 400,000 Jews have applied and are still waiting to emigrate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 2, 1985, to be

SOVIET JEWRY SUPPORT DAY

in Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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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 second day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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