



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Small business are the backbone of our state and nation; and
- WHEREAS: For over one hundred and fifty years, independent grocers have exemplified the small business spirit and have made important contributions to the Minnesota economy; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud to be the home of 3,000 independent grocers who strive to meet the changing and growing needs of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS: These retailers are an important component of our state's food industry, which boasts \$5 billion in total sales annually and employs approximately 50,000 men and women across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Accounting for 64 percent of all grocery stores nationwide, independent grocers are responsible for distributing nearly one-half of America's food and grocery products; and
- WHEREAS: They offer a wide array of services and conveniences in the communities they serve, and the men and women who own, manage and work in independent grocery stores play a vital role in their communities; and
- WHEREAS: On September 8 through 14, 1985, retail grocers, wholesalers and manufacturers are setting aside a special time to recognize the contributions made by independent grocers to developing one of the most efficient food distribution systems in the world and to meeting the needs of consumers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 8 through 14, 1985, to be

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in Minnesota and hope all Minnesotans will recognize the vital services rendered by independent grocers to our communities and our economy.

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 August 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

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