



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The National Federation of the Blind is a self-help advocacy organization with more than fifty-thousand members nationwide; and

WHEREAS: The Federation works to educate the public concerning the ability of the blind to lead normal, productive and self-sufficient lives and promotes equal rights and increased opportunities for the blind in all fields of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS: The refreshing and positive philosophy of the Federation serves to eliminate many misconceptions about blindness and inspires many blind people to greater achievement; and

WHEREAS: Through Job Opportunities for the Blind, an employment information and referral service, the Federation has expanded opportunities for blind Minnesotans in the competitive labor market; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota law encourages employers, both private and public, to utilize the almost unlimited skill and potential of our blind citizens, while requiring them to hire and promote blind persons on an equal basis with their sighted colleagues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October to be

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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in Minnesota.

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
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-seventh day of September 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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