

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In keeping with the special tradition of America since the early settlement of New England by our Pilgrim forebears, and following the example of people of all ages, tongues, and races, I call upon the people of the great state of Minnesota to observe a day of Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS: The season reminds us of the blessings of field and forest and earth and water, and of our stewardship of all nature that it may continue intact for our children and their children; and

WHEREAS: The season calls us to the blessings of city or village, homestead or farmstead, our many communities together in liberty, justice, peace and shared responsibility for the common good; and

WHEREAS: The season lifts up the blessings of production and distribution, the network of commerce through which persons unknown to us share in providing for all of us; and

WHEREAS: Despite the blessings of plenty, the blessings of productive work of many, and the abundance of food and shelter enjoyed by most, there remains those who have not shared in these blessings; and

WHEREAS: The season summons us to the blessings of our places of worship, and it is appropriate at these times to contemplate our responsibilities to the less fortunate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 28 to be

THANKSGIVING DAY

in Minnesota, and urge that all Minnesotans contribute food, money, time and talents to foodshelves and volunteer efforts to aid the less fortunate citizens of our state, and urge that an appeal for this sharing and caring echo from all churches and synagogues at this time of giving thanks.

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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 fifth day of November 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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