



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Traffic crashes result in more violent deaths in the United States than any other cause; more than 50,000 people were killed in traffic accidents in 1984 - 584 of those deaths occurred in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Between 45 and 55 percent of fatally injured drivers have alcohol concentrations in their blood higher than the legal limit, and this figure rises to 55 to 65 percent in single-vehicle crashes; in Minnesota almost one person dies every day from a crash involving alcohol; and

WHEREAS: Traffic crashes also play a substantial role in serious injuries, causing most of the new cases of epilepsy and paraplegia in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS: National awareness of the problems of drunk and drugged driving may help sustain current efforts to develop comprehensive solutions at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS: The holidays are a particularly appropriate time to focus national attention on this problem because more drivers are on the roads, more social functions are attended, and more traffic collisions occur; and

WHEREAS: The total societal cost of drunk driving has been estimated to be as high as \$25 billion a year, which does not include the human suffering that can never be measured; and

WHEREAS: The many victims of drunk driving crashes need to be remembered, so that others may live, and that the future may be less violent;

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

MADD'S WEEK OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE  
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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 twentieth 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.

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
*Rudy Perpich*  
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