



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesotans have long valued education as a key to fulfilling the potential of our state's citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Many of Minnesota's public schools have been recognized for their outstanding programs; and
- WHEREAS: The single largest expenditure in our state's budget is for elementary and secondary education; and
- WHEREAS: The increasingly complex, technologically-based society of the future will require even stronger skills from citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Providing choice among public schools has been found to be one important way to increase students' skills and improve attitudes toward learning and oneself; and
- WHEREAS: Providing choice among public schools has increased parental involvement in and support of schools; and
- WHEREAS: Providing choice among public schools has increased educator moral; and
- WHEREAS: Providing choice among public schools can also encourage professional educators who wish to establish effective, innovative programs; and
- WHEREAS: More than 30 school districts have decided to provide choices among different kinds of programs; and
- WHEREAS: The concept of providing choice among public schools has been endorsed by a variety of groups, including the Minnesota Parent Teacher Association, Minnesota League of Women Voters, Directors of Community Action Programs, Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association, Citizens League, People for Better Schools and Minnesota Business Partnership; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Legislature adopted a plan permitting high school juniors and seniors to attend post-secondary institutions; and
- WHEREAS: More than 1,600 students are participating in this program; and
- WHEREAS: Many parents and students have written and spoken favorably about this new post-secondary enrollment option; and
- WHEREAS: A number of school districts are responding creatively to the post-secondary enrollment option by improving their own course offerings;

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

ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE DAY

in Minnesota.

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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 third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Rudy Perpich

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