



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Volunteer opportunities abound in schools, hospitals, arts and environmental organization, civic and fraternal groups, social agencies, and often right next door; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million Minnesota volunteers help the disadvantaged, the homeless, the unemployed, the disabled, and many other worthy causes by helping to meet emergency and on-going needs; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans have donated their time and energy in areas such as providing food and shelter, befriending children, and helping the elderly stay in their own homes; and
- WHEREAS: Volunteers have beautified more than 200 Minnesota communities; helped to insure excellence in education for Minnesota's 800,000 school children; and increased public awareness of such issues as consumer safety, the dangers of drunken driving, and the distressed rural economy; and
- WHEREAS: This caring spirit is evident throughout the state; on the Iron Range and in farming communities, in suburban developments and inner cities, in large corporations and at the corner store; and
- WHEREAS: Individual commitment to bettering the lives of others can make one's own life worthwhile, provide effective training for future employment, and stimulate new and creative solutions to the problems of our communities; and
- WHEREAS: Those who give of themselves give the greatest gift of all;

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

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK

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in Minnesota, and urge Minnesotans to show their appreciation by thanking individual volunteers and, where possible, taking part in community celebrations of volunteerism at noon on April 23rd.

FURTHER, I call upon all Minnesotans to help renew and sustain the spirit and vitality of our communities and our state by volunteering.

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 sixteen day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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