



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The leading cause of death to Minnesotans between the ages of birth and 44 is from injuries received in automobile accidents; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of Minnesotans suffer disabling injuries in automobile accidents each year; and

WHEREAS: The families of automobile accident victims suffer both emotional and economic trauma as a result of these unnecessary deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS: Seat belts could reduce these deaths and injuries by an estimated 60%; and

WHEREAS: Seat belts are the easiest, cheapest, and most effective protection against death and injury to motorists; and

WHEREAS: On February 24, 1986, the State of Minnesota became the 20th state in the nation to enact a mandatory automobile seat belt law;

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

SEAT BELT MONTH

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all Minnesotans to join with the Minnesota Occupant Restraint Program, the Minnesota Safety Council, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, the Minnesota Department of Health and other agencies to encourage all people to "BUCKLE-UP" whenever riding in a motor vehicle.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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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 twenty-seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Joan Anderson Howe
Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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