



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nearly six million Americans are victimized by violent crimes each year; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that one out of three Minnesota families will be touched by crime this year alone; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Crime Victims' Rights Week provides the citizens of Minnesota with the opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to recognize the rights of crime victims and support local programs that advocate for victims; and
- WHEREAS: National Crime Victims' Rights Week has been proclaimed as April 20-26, 1986, by the President of the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The rights and needs of crime victims must be recognized by the Minnesota public; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association for Crime Victims is organized to provide a voice for all victims; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association for Crime Victims provides greatly needed services to empower citizens who have been traumatized by violent crime; and
- WHEREAS: There is a dire need for programs that advocate for victims, promote accountability of the judicial system and encourage a partnership between the public and private sectors to improve services to victims; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association for Crime Victims is urging all Minnesotans who are concerned about violent crime to join together to promote greater public awareness about victimization and the need to support victims' rights; and
- WHEREAS: It is estimated that less than thirty percent of crime victims in Minnesota report their tragedies to the authorities;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the fourth week of April to be

MINNESOTA CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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

Jean Anderson Howe

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR