



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Most wildfires occur in the spring of the year when dry fuels from the previous year ignite easily and burn rapidly; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans enjoying the out-of-doors should take extra caution to prevent fires while pursuing recreational activities or doing spring clean-up chores; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota averages 1,500 fires each year that consume 55,000 acres - destroying forests, homes, recreational property, agricultural crops, farmlands, livestock, tree farms and equipment; and

WHEREAS: Protecting our lands and forests from wildfire benefits Minnesota through the employment of thousands of workers and the preservation of forests, recreation lands and waters that provide millions of dollars to our state's economy; and

WHEREAS: It is important to educate the public on safe burning practices since human negligence accounts for 97 percent of all Minnesota wildfires;

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

FOREST FIRE PREVENTION 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 tenth day of April 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