

Proclamation

WHEREAS:	Children are the central focus of our families and deserve careful nuturing; and
WHEREAS:	To grow strong in body and mind, children need an environment of love and understanding as well as adequate food, health care and education; and
WHEREAS:	Our hopes for future generations depend on our efforts to provide the best possible world for the children of today; and
WHEREAS:	Those children who now exist in poverty and despair and suffer the deprivations of disease and malnutrition must be attended to so that they may have the opportunity to live full and satisfying lives; and
WHEREAS:	The children of Minnesota have worked long and hard to collect funds to further that goal; and
WHEREAS:	A release of balloons, each symbolizing a contribution collected by these children, is an expression of concern and hope from the children of Minnesota to the children of the world and a fitting opening to Save the Children Week;
WHEREAS:	The culminating event for Save the Children Week is the Youth Congress during which students participate in a letter writing campaign expressing their concerns to government and community leaders;

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

> SAVE THE CHILD REN WEEK

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in Minnesota, and urge all to give special attention to the needs and rights of children, joining together to strengthen our families, communities and world so that every child can have a future of security and hope, and to participate in Save the Children Week in the State of Minnesota.



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 eightysix, and of the State the one hundred twentyseventh

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