

WHEREAS: The "Winter Storm Season" is rapidly approaching, and Minnesota is affected greatly by these storms; and

WHEREAS: Each year, an average of 36 percent of the winter storms reported in the United States

affect Minnesota; and

On November 11, 1940, the "Armistice Day" blizzard occurred resulting in subzero temperatures, high winds, loss of livestock as well as 49 deaths in Minnesota; and WHEREAS:

On January 10-12, 1975, the "Storm of the Century" hit Minnesota leaving 12 to 32 inches of new snow piled into 20 feet drifts by 80 m.p.h. winds, leaving thousands of stranded motorists; and WHEREAS:

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On February 4, 1984, a deceptive blizzard with very little snow swept out of Canada through

the southwest regions of the state, leaving 16 deaths and hundreds of stranded travelers

in its path; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has joined with the National Weather Service Forecast Office and

the American Red Cross in recognizing the need for a broad public education program on

winter storms;

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

WINTER STORM AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota.

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FURTHER, I urge the citizenry, news media, educators and others to give them support to this worthy effort.

> STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE APR 1 7 1986

Joen anderson House 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 fourteenth 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.