STATE OF MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Settlement houses and neighborhood centers are celebrating their 100th anniversary as a movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Settlement houses are among the oldest social service agencies. They were begun by idealistic individuals who lived among the neighbors they served. These pioneers of the settlement house movement addressed the environmental and social causes of poverty through advocacy and social action; and

WHEREAS: Through the years, settlements and neighborhood centers have taken a preventive approach to poverty and social problems, offering a variety of programs and services for all age groups including day care, group work, family and individual counseling, services to the developmentally disabled, drug awareness classes, senior programs, and camping; and

WHEREAS: Settlements still retain their neighborhood focus, striving to build upon the strengths and capacities of the individuals, families and organizations in the neighborhood while creating a positive environment that allows neighborhood people to reach their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS: The Midwest American Settlement House Centennial Conference, co-sponsored by neighborhood centers and the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, is being held at the Humphrey Center, University of Minnesota, on May 1 and 2, 1986, to commemorate this important anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 1986, to be

SETTLEMENT HOUSE AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all residents to join in celebrating this anniversary and supporting these institutions.

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Jean Anderson Growe
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-second 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 Growe

Rudy Perpich

GOVERNOR