



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Amnesty International was founded on May 28, 1961, to seek the release of men and women detained for their race, sex, ethnic origin, language, beliefs, or religion, provided they have neither done nor advocated violence; to oppose torture, executions, and all other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; and to work for fair and early trials for all political prisoners; and

WHEREAS: Since 1961 Amnesty International has worked on behalf of more than 30,000 prisoners of conscience from every region of the world and nearly 25,000 of these prisoners have been released; and Amnesty International is continuing its efforts on behalf of prisoners of conscience by writing letters to government authorities and using the pressure of public opinion to stop human rights abuses worldwide; and

WHEREAS: There are now over half a million Amnesty International members and supporters in more than 150 countries; the first local group of Amnesty International members was organized ten years ago in Minnesota and there are now 6,500 members and supporters of Amnesty International in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: May 28, 1986, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of Amnesty International and the tenth anniversary of its founding in Minnesota, which will be celebrated in Minnesota by a benefit concert on September 11 featuring the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra; and

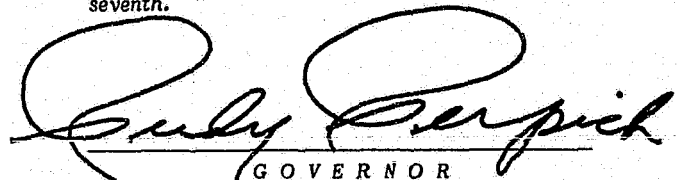
WHEREAS: Minnesotans should commend, congratulate, and encourage members of Amnesty International to continue their vital work for the worldwide recognition and implementation of human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 28, 1986, to be

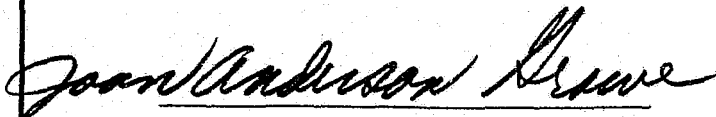
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DAY

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


GOVERNOR

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Frank Anderson Howe
Secretary of State