



Proclamation

WHEREAS: In January, 1886, a great step forward was taken by workers in the baking industry when delegates of small, struggling independent bakers unions throughout the United States, met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to form the Journeymen Bakers National Union, the forerunner of today's Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union; and

WHEREAS: The growth of that union to its current 145,000 members, its expansion to include candy workers, its outreach to Canadian workers and finally its merger with the Tobacco Workers in 1978, have built the union into the proud organization it is today; and

WHEREAS: In the 100 years since its inception, the union has made tremendous gains in dignity and justice for its members, demonstrating for all of us the key role of trade unions in bettering American society; and

WHEREAS: From its inception, the union has maintained a commitment to the struggle for dignity for its membership and the improvement of their work lives and members have dedicated themselves to promoting the union label as a mark distinguishing the fair working conditions they achieved and the quality and value of union-made products; and

WHEREAS: Both unions were involved from an early time in the struggle against monopolistic trusts, fighting to protect democracy and the right of workers and consumers and today's union members remain dedicated to struggling for progressive laws and economic democracy that will extend the social gains and dignity the trade union movement has won for its members to all Americans; and

WHEREAS: In communities across the country the productivity and commitment of the members of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers benefits all of us as they dedicate themselves to improving our society while continuing to provide us with our daily bread and pleasures; and

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

BAKERY, CONFECTIONERY AND TOBACCO WORKERS CENTENNIAL WEEK

in Minnesota.

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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 first 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.

Grant Anderson Howe Rudy Perpich

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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John Anderson Howe
Secretary of State