



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Each year in Minnesota there is an average of more than 97,000 motor vehicle accidents, resulting in over 42,000 injuries, 6,555 severe injuries and 670 deaths; and

WHEREAS: Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 1 and 38; and

WHEREAS: Nearly one-half of fatalities in Minnesota traffic accidents are alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS: Less than one-third of Minnesota drivers and passengers currently wear seat belts, despite some estimates that traffic deaths could be cut in half and serious injuries reduced by 65 percent if everyone wore seat belts; and

WHEREAS: Businesses, churches, schools, government agencies, service organizations and citizens throughout Minnesota have joined a campaign called Project Lifesaver and are working together to eliminate drunk driving and get everyone to wear seat belts; and

WHEREAS: The target goal of Project Lifesaver is to have no deaths from any motor vehicle accident during the 1986 Memorial Day Weekend to demonstrate to the entire country what can be achieved for public good through willpower and determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26, 1986 to be

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Secretary of State

on Minnesota roads and highways. And I encourage everyone to buckle-up, drive sober and help see that all of our friends and neighbors do the same.

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

*Joan Anderson Grove*

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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