



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Anoka High School Band will be representing Minnesota on a performance tour of Norway in the summer of 1986; and
- WHEREAS: These young Minnesotans are carrying on the tradition of Minnesota's Norwegian heritage by presenting a series of concerts and participating in parades in Norway; and
- WHEREAS: Their celebration of an American Fourth of July in Norway will symbolize the cultural heritage bridge that exists between Minnesota and Norway; and
- WHEREAS: Many of the band members have family names that reflect their Scandinavian and the multi-ethnic heritage of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota has more than 700,000 Norwegian descendants; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has the largest Norwegian population of any state or province in North America; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has the largest concentration of Norwegians in the world outside of Norway; and
- WHEREAS: Sons of Norway is the largest Norwegian fraternal organization in the world outside of Norway and has its headquarters in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The young Minnesotans will bring both goodwill from Minnesota to Norway and also their tour will bring back to Minnesota deeper friendships and understanding between our two countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the Anoka High School Band to be Minnesota's official Ambassador during its tour of Norway in 1986.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Joan Anderson*  
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 second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE