



Proclamation

WHEREAS: June 20, 1986, marks the 50th anniversary of enactment of the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act for the blind; and

WHEREAS: Since its inception, the Randolph-Sheppard Program (known in Minnesota as the Business Enterprises Program for the Blind) has provided important and meaningful self-employment opportunities for hundreds of blind vendors in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The Randolph-Sheppard Program nationally is comprised of some 3,700 blind vendors at federal, state, and private facilities, of which 91 are located in Minnesota with an average net income approaching \$18,000 annually; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota wishes to express its firm support for the continuation and expansion of this program, which epitomizes the independence, ability, and potential of disabled Americans, and which has stood the test of time; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is proud that the first bill introduced in Congress to provide economic opportunities for blind individuals, and the forerunner of the Randolph-Sheppard Act, was authored by Senator Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota in 1929 -- Senator Schall himself an example of the achievements of blind persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 20, 1986, to be

RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD VENDING FACILITY PROGRAM

50TH CELEBRATION

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Asawe
Secretary of State

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 sixteenth 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 Asawe

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