



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The gift business is a major and growing industry in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest; and

WHEREAS: The Upper Midwest Allied Gifts Association (UMAGA) has served the region's gift industry -- including retailers, importers, distributors, manufacturers and their representatives -- for more than 33 years; and

WHEREAS: UMAGA'S Minneapolis Gift Center is the crossroads and capitol of the gift industry for the region, and the largest and most important regional wholesale gift and accessory mart in the nation; and

WHEREAS: UMAGA'S Minneapolis Gift Center is annually visited by nearly 25,000 buyers from throughout the Midwest who rely on it to keep them informed and to make new gift and accessory products from the region and all over the world available to them on a timely and current basis; and

WHEREAS: In 1985, the value of UMAGA'S impact on the region's economy, directly and indirectly, exceeded 400 million dollars at the retail level; and

WHEREAS: UMAGA'S future growth and commitment to serving the region's gift industry will continue to create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and bring the region's gift products to the markets of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the eleventh day of August to be

GIFT BUSINESS DAY

in Minnesota.

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*Joan Anderson*  
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 fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

*Joan Anderson* *Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR