

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Schools make substantial contributions to the future of this state and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens: and

WHEREAS: Excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and

The safety and well being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by absenteeism, disruption, crime, violence, substance abuse WHEREAS: and vandalism in our schools; and

WHEREAS: It is the duty of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by promptly helping to improve school attendance, foster fair and effective discipline, promote good citizenship, and diminish school crime, violence, and substance abuse and

vandalism; and WHEREAS: All leaders, especially education, legal, law enforcement governmental and business --

should eagerly cooperate with each other and Pepperdine University's National School Safety Center, a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education, to systematically and energetically focus public attention on school safety and student attendance and, thereby, identify, develop and promote innovative answers to these critical issues; and

WHEREAS: Numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those with innovative answers; and

WHEREAS: The observance of America's Safe Schools Week will promote efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates;

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

SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILED SEP 29 1986

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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 twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eights.

in Minnesota.