



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Traffic crashes result in more violent deaths in the United States than any other cause with more than 45,700 people killed in traffic accidents in 1985 and 610 of those occurring in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Of the 610 Minnesota fatalities 261 were alcohol related; and

WHEREAS: Traffic crashes also play a substantial role in serious injuries, causing many new cases of epilepsy and paraplegia each year; and

WHEREAS: Awareness of the problem of drunken and drugged driving will help current efforts to develop comprehensive solutions at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS: The holidays are a particularly appropriate time to focus attention on this problem because more drivers are on the roads, more social functions are attended, and more traffic collisions occur; and

WHEREAS: The total societal cost of drunken driving has been estimated to be as high as \$25 billion a year and in Minnesota alone it exceeds \$150 million, which does not account for the human suffering that can never be measured; and

WHEREAS: The many victims of drunken driving need to be remembered so that others may live and that the future may be less violent;

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

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in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Joan Anderson Howe
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 fifth day of November day of in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Joan Anderson Howe

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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