



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The essence of a Democracy is government by the people; and
- WHEREAS: The Citizens of a Democracy must have access to all manner of ideas and information if they are to make wise and fair decisions regarding the function and operations of their government; and
- WHEREAS: The public's right to a free flow of ideas and information, as conveyed by the American press corps and other independent institutions, is now beset by misunderstanding, controversy, and outright opposition by some who are attempting to shut off government sources, further regulate broadcasting, and censor literary works while claiming to uphold the open government necessary to the preservation of American rights and liberties; and
- WHEREAS: The rights and responsibilities of a free press and other independent institutions require public awareness and support; and
- WHEREAS: James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, was instrumental in the composition and adoption of the Bill of Rights, including the First Amendment guarantees of a freedom of speech and of the press;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 16, 1987, to be

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in Minnesota.

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 sixteen day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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