



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The ability to read and write is recognized as indispensable for any American to compete in today's society; and

WHEREAS: This right to read is essential for blind Americans to obtain an education, compete for employment and fully participate in society; and

WHEREAS: Braille, a system of raised dots developed by Louis Braille in the early 1820's, represents the means by which blind people are able to achieve the same level of literacy as the sighted; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, through its Communication Center and Services for the Blind, with support from the Hamm and Minnesota Foundations and in cooperation with the many dedicated individual volunteers and volunteer organizations--such as Volunteer Braille Services and Temple Israel Braille Program--and organizations of the blind--such as the National Federation of the Blind--will continue to promote literacy through braille for all blind Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: All educational institutions and agencies of and for the blind should be encouraged to recognize the importance of braille and promote literacy through braille training; and

WHEREAS: Employers and the public should be encouraged to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society;

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

B R A I L L E M O N T H

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

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State