



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: 75 years ago Associated Charities of St. Paul established the first Legal Aid Bureau program in Minnesota to represent poor people in St. Paul; and
- WHEREAS: 20 years ago Legal Assistance of Ramsey County, Inc. was formed by the Ramsey County Bar Association and Ramsey Action Programs (with assistance from the St. Paul Area United Way and Family Services of St. Paul) to receive the first federal funding to provide legal assistance in civil cases to needy citizens of Ramsey County; and
- WHEREAS: Ten years ago Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc. was formed by LARC to extend legal representation and advice from Ramsey County to disadvantaged people living in all 33 counties of southern Minnesota on their critical civil legal need; and
- WHEREAS: On September 19, these anniversaries will be celebrated at a gathering of past and present board members, staff, volunteer attorneys, clients and friends; and
- WHEREAS: In recognition of the contribution of Southern Minnesota Legal Services, Inc. and its predecessors to the protection and advancement of the legal rights and human dignity of poor people of Minnesota, the improvement of the conditions of Minnesota's disadvantaged residents through the tireless and distinguished advocacy of legal services staff, board, volunteers, and clients, and of the role of legal services in carrying out the promise of the United States Constitution, of which we celebrate the 200th Anniversary, that there will be equal justice under law;

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

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES WEEK

and September 19 to be

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES DAY

in Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Jean 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 tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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