

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run is history's longest running relay, covering 27,000 miles, a distance in excess of the earth's circumference, on a route that includes 55 countries on six continents, with an 11,000 mile route through the 48 contiguous states of the United States of America, and special teams being Alaska and

Hawaii: and

The Peace Run will begin with an opening ceremony at the Statue of Liberty, symbol of America's spirit of freedom, on April 27, 1987, and finish its 103-day odyssey on August 7, 1987; and WHEREAS:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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The Peace Run will pass through cities and countryside and be joined by thousands of United States Citizens, including residents of Minnesota, who will carry the torch, thereby encouraging physical fitness and contributing to the development of happy, healthy, and harmonious individuals, and making a stronger nation; and

WHEREAS:

The Peace Run will be joined by thousands of students and families associated with AFS International, the leading student cultural exchange organization, on the occasion of AFS's fortieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS:

The Peace Run will bridge the cultural and social barriers, and the ideological and demographic boundaries that separate nation from nation, thus celebrating the invincibility of the human spirit and its determination to help overcome the obstacles to lasting peace among the peoples of the earth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 17 through July 19 to be

PEACE RUN DAYS

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 ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILED

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