



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The ability to read is vital to individual fulfillment, productive employment, community participation and a successful democratic society; and

WHEREAS: More than 20 million American adults cannot read or write beyond a fourth grade level and 30 million more cannot read or write beyond an eighth grade level; and

WHEREAS: Illiteracy is diffused throughout our nation, not confined to any one ethnic or socioeconomic group or any region of the nation; and

WHEREAS: Citizens with inadequate basic skills can demonstrably upgrade those skills if, in a sensitive and understanding way, they are given the opportunity and encouragement to step forward; and

WHEREAS: Conquering illiteracy is an economic necessity in the state of Minnesota for further development and progress and for our contribution to the competitiveness of America in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS: A nationwide movement to overcome illiteracy is growing rapidly with the active participation and cooperation of all levels of government and major elements of the private sector; and

WHEREAS: Television networks, local television stations, newspapers, business firms, theme parks, service organizations, schools, church groups, employee organizations and literacy service providers are joining forces to celebrate liberty and literacy in the "Read America, Win America," campaign in July, August, and September 1987;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the months of July, August, and September to be

READ AMERICA, WIN AMERICA MONTHS

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 twenty-seventh 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.

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE
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