



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota has one of the fastest growing youth soccer programs in the United States, growing from 300 youth in 1967 to more than 29,000 in 1986; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota, the state with the most people of Norwegian descent in North America, is home of the international headquarters of Sons of Norway, the largest Norwegian organization in the world outside of Norway; and

WHEREAS: USA CUP was modeled after the world's largest youth soccer tournament, Norway Cup; and

WHEREAS: The first annual USA CUP international soccer tournament attracted more than 1500 players from around the world, and USA CUP '86 attracted over 3000 players; and

WHEREAS: This year, more than 3500 players will gather in Blaine for a week of international soccer; and

WHEREAS: USA CUP is on its way to becoming America's largest international youth soccer tournament; and

WHEREAS: USA CUP is a fine example of international sports competition and friendship; and

WHEREAS: We are proud to host a tournament of such outstanding quality;

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

USA CUP 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 eighth day of June 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

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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