



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The ability and opportunity to read is of fundamental importance to all people; and
- WHEREAS: This nation and state were founded by, and now depend upon, a literate, informed citizenry; and
- WHEREAS: It has been acknowledged that the problems of illiteracy and aliteracy pose a serious threat to the well-being of an alarming number of Minnesotans deserving of our immediate and continued support for educational opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: The year 1986 marks the beginning of the Minnesota Adult Literacy Campaign, Inc., a five-year commitment to providing adult education for the estimated 600,000 who cannot read; and
- WHEREAS: Reading is a gateway to entertainment, imagination and achievement for all who possess the skills to access its information; and
- WHEREAS: This joyful acknowledgement of reading is something that is too often taken for granted by those who can read; and
- WHEREAS: The theme of this campaign will be "Go Places; Read" and be the official participation by Minnesota in Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS); and
- WHEREAS: The commitment to this campaign begins in September and will continue for a full year;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 1986 through September 1987 to be

YEAR OF THE READER -- PLUS

and May 27 to be

MERRITT DAY

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 eleventh day of May 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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