



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Blacksmiths have been, in days of yore, a vital part of the beginnings of industry in America; and

WHEREAS: They have become absorbed in our culture to the point of extinction; and

WHEREAS: There are still a few brave and talented blacksmiths practicing their crafts, with the modern skills of the welder and the traditional skills of the forge; and

WHEREAS: We desire to make society aware of the romance and the skill of the fire, the smoke and the flames that are a most vital part of every blacksmith's life;

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

DISCOVER YOUR BLACKSMITH WEEK

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 thirtieth 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
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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