



Proclamation

WHEREAS: There are over 20,000 career and volunteer fire fighters in the State of Minnesota;
and

WHEREAS: Fire fighters have responded to some 16,000 fire emergencies in this state in 1986;
and

WHEREAS: Two fire fighters died and 147 were injured in the line of duty in Minnesota in 1986;
and

WHEREAS: The contributions and sacrifices of such valiant fire fighters often go unreported and
are frequently not afforded adequate recognition; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 116th anniversary of the "Great Chicago Fire" of 1871, in which
250 people were killed, 100,000 left homeless and more than 17,400 buildings were
destroyed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 4 to
be

MINNESOTA FIRE FIGHTERS DAY

in Minnesota, and further urge Minnesota citizens to recognize and honor our fire fighters for vital
contributions to safety in our communities and gallant efforts to combat fires.

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-first 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
GOVERNOR

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