



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: William L. McKnight was born on November 11, 1887, on a South Dakota farm, the son of pioneer settlers; and

WHEREAS: In 1907, Mr. McKnight took a job as assistant bookkeeper with a tiny, struggling sandpaper company in Duluth, Minnesota, called Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (now known as 3M) and retired 59 years later as chairman of the board of a global multi-billion dollar company; and

WHEREAS: Mr. McKnight helped rescue 3M from an uncertain future in its early years and laid a groundwork for success based on diversified products, consistent quality, decentralized management and employees' freedom to try new and innovative ideas; and

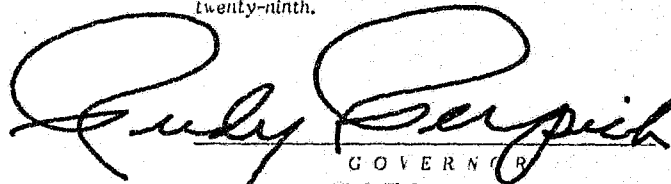
WHEREAS: The philanthropy of the McKnight Foundation, established in 1953, benefits the people of Minnesota through generous contributions to human and social services, health and medical research, education, the visual and performing arts, conservation and recreation;

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

WILLIAM L. MCKNIGHT WEEK

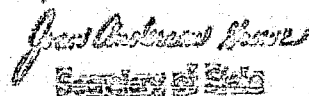
in Minnesota, in honor of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

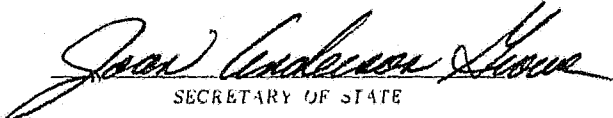
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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