



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program provides Christmas joy for needy children through the collection of new, unwrapped toys. The toys are new so the children may have the benefit of receiving the shiny, unused gifts that any youngster desires. The toys are donated unwrapped so they may be categorized for appropriate distribution; and
- WHEREAS:** From the inception of the program, it has always had substantial celebrity support with such notables as John Wayne, Glenn Ford, Ann Margaret, Sammy Davis Jr., Johnny Carson and Bruce Jenner to name a few. This year the National Chairperson is Bob Hope, who has been an avid supporter of the program in the past; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota has traditionally enjoyed a successful program through the outstanding support given from local community and corporate involvement, along with Minnesota sports teams, including the World Champion Twins, the Vikings, the North Stars and the Strikers; and
- WHEREAS:** Local news media also provides invaluable volunteer assistance in promoting the Toys for Tots program. KARL Channel 11 and WLOL radio have given significant time and effort to help publicize this worthwhile statewide event; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesotans have always been very generous in sharing with the needy children of their community through this program. Due to this generosity the Toys for Tots program has developed into a statewide campaign serving children all over the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Through this ever-growing effort coordinated by the Marine Reserves and the enthusiastic and community spirited Minnesota people, their corporations and businesses and their civic leaders, needy children will enjoy a happier Christmas this year and many to follow;

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

MARINE RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS WEEK

in Minnesota in honor of the 40th anniversary of this program.

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 November 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

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*Jean Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

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