



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The student-athlete represents a role model worthy of emulation by America's youth; and
- WHEREAS: The past athletic successes of many of America's leaders dispell the myth that successful athletes are one-dimensional; and
- WHEREAS: Such worthy values and behaviors as perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline and commitment to a goal are fostered and promoted by both academic and athletic pursuits; and
- WHEREAS: Participation in athletics, together with education, provides opportunities to develop valuable social and leadership skills and to gain an appreciation of ethnic and racial groups different from one's own;
- WHEREAS: Overemphasis on sports at the expense of education can cause serious harm to an athlete's future; and
- WHEREAS: Less than 1 in 100 high school athletes ever play Division I college athletics; and
- WHEREAS: While college athletes in general graduate at the same rate as other students, less than 30 percent of scholarship athletes in revenue producing sports ever graduate; and
- WHEREAS: Only 1 in 10,000 high school athletes who dream of a career in professional sports ever realize that aspiration, while those who do can expect a professional sports career of less than four years; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of America's youth sacrifice academic achievement to the dream of professional athletics; and
- WHEREAS: Coaches, parents and educators of student-athletes must express high expectations for academic performance as well as for athletic performances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 6, 1988 to be

STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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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-ninth day of January in the year our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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