



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Earthquakes, storms, volcanic eruptions, industrial accidents and other disasters can and do occur in this country resulting in massive casualties; and
- WHEREAS: No single city or state has the medical resources to adequately provide for large numbers of casualties; and
- WHEREAS: In response to the need for an organized disaster response effort in 1981, the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) was established to provide a network of hospital facilities to adequately care for large numbers of disaster victims; and
- WHEREAS: The national coordination of NDMS represents the cooperative efforts of The Veteran's Administration, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency which work closely with local organizations in an unprecedented effort to address the medical needs of mass casualty disasters; and
- WHEREAS: The Minneapolis-St. Paul Region has established itself as a leader in NDMS by coordinating participation of State and local governments, the Red Cross, Military Reserve and National Guard Units, hospital and ambulance providers to conduct annual drills which allow a reliable test of NDMS; and
- WHEREAS: The spirit of cooperation among the private and public sectors in Minnesota has resulted in this year's drill "April Touchdown 1988", to demonstrate the efficaciousness of the local participation in this national effort; and
- WHEREAS: This year's exercise will be conducted on April 23, 1988;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 23, 1988 to be

NATIONAL DISASTER MEDICAL SERVICES DAY STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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 fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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