



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There is increasing use of household and industrial chemicals to perform labor-saving and time-saving tasks and of medicine to provide health giving and life sustaining benefits; and
- WHEREAS: These products, when not used as intended or directed, may be hazardous to adults and children, who, from infancy to five years of age, are the more frequent ingestors of poisonous or potentially poisonous substances; and
- WHEREAS: The lives of thousands of Minnesotans are threatened each year by the accidental or intentional ingestion of or contact with poisonous substances; and
- WHEREAS: Our state government agencies have been working for years with their local and federal counterparts and other statewide organizations in programs to inform our citizens about the potential of these hazardous substances when not used as directed; and
- WHEREAS: Joining together in support of Poison Prevention Week are the Hennepin Regional Poison Center, the Minnesota Regional Poison Center at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, individual Minnesota Poison Control Centers, the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service, the Minneapolis/St. Paul Regional Office of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Emergency Nurses Association, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Environmental Education Board, the Minnesota Hospital Association, the Minnesota Medical Association, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Safety Council, the Minnesota Society of Hospital Pharmacies, the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association, the Minnesota Public Health Nursing Department, the Minneapolis and St. Paul Chapters of the American Red Cross, the School Nurses Organization of Minnesota, the Minneapolis/St. Paul Regional Office of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Waste Management Board;

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

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I call upon the appropriate agencies in our state and local government to continue their efforts and cooperation with private and community organizations, including our schools, and with concerned citizens to develop programs to alert our people to the continued danger of misusing medicines and household products and to promote effective safeguards against accidental poisoning among young children.

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 third day of March in the year of 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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