



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: AIDS has become a major public health problem affecting hundreds of thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS: The physical and emotional losses accompanying AIDS result in psychological stress, social dysfunction and an inability to cope; and

WHEREAS: A traditional goal of our nation is to enable all citizens to lead the most productive, satisfying and independent lives possible; and

WHEREAS: Professional social workers perform an important service by helping patients and their families find the support they need to cope with psychosocial crises precipitated by AIDS; and

WHEREAS: Professional social workers have been on the cutting edge of organizing AIDS-related education and treatment services in the community; and

WHEREAS: Professional social workers do constitute the largest group of professionals engaged in meeting the psychosocial needs of AIDS patients;

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

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in Minnesota, and call upon members of the community to join the social work profession in support of appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities designed to achieve its goal.

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*  
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