



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The world's population of more than five billion will, at its present growth rate, double in the next 40 years; and

WHEREAS: More than 90 percent of this unprecedented growth takes place in nations of the third world least able to accommodate such rapid expansion; and

WHEREAS: Rapid population growth overwhelms the capacity of human societies to provide food, housing, education, employment and basic health services, and undermines economic development as well as social, cultural and political stability; and

WHEREAS: The massive proliferation of our human numbers places enormous strains on the global environment, contributing significantly to the depletion of natural resources, the conversion of cultivable fields and forest into wasteland and desert, the pollution of the earth's land and waters, and the destruction of its ozone layer; and

WHEREAS: The tragic results of the ever increasing imbalance between population and resources can be seen in the emergence of renewed famine in Africa and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS: The disastrous consequences that unchecked population growth portends for humankind and the natural environment can be averted by the extension of family planning services to the more than 500 million people in the developing world who need and want such services but lack the means or access to obtain them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-23, 1988 to be

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota, and call upon all of its citizens to reflect upon the consequences of world overpopulation and the opportunities to contribute to a solution.

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 February 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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