



Proclamation

WHEREAS: April, 1988 marks the national commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act (Title 8) of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and this Act declared it national policy for housing throughout the nation to be made available to all citizens on the basis of equality and fairness, and makes unlawful any discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, more than thirty years ago, declared discrimination and segregation in housing to be against the public policy of Minnesota and fair housing opportunities were declared to be a civil right; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has sought fair housing rights for its citizens and recognizes fair housing as a crucial goal to be reached in the struggle for equal rights; and

WHEREAS: The future envisioned twenty years ago today has not yet come to pass, and for too many, the injustices of the past are the realities of today. Shelter is a basic human necessity, and the quality of life is greatly diminished when people suffer housing discrimination because of their race, ethnicity, religion or sex; and

WHEREAS: A more promising future can be ours only with renewed dedication and determination that fair housing will be a reality; and

WHEREAS: On this anniversary we reaffirm the commitment to fair housing and renew and rededicate our efforts to reach the goals of fair housing for all;

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

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in Minnesota, and call upon all Minnesotans to reaffirm their own commitment to fair housing, and urge all individuals to participate in the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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