



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Information-seeking skills are a requirement of lifelong learning in the information age; and
- WHEREAS: A variety of materials which foster the habits of reading as an enriching activity are available in public libraries; and
- WHEREAS: Such skills are best developed in children from an early age and with consistency across a child's learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS: Public libraries serve pre-school and school-age children with resources additional to those provided by schools and at times when school is not in session; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota librarians are participating with the American Library Association in promoting through 1989 what United States Secretary of Education William Bennett has called the "Best Gift" - that is, a library card for every child; and
- WHEREAS: This promotion occurs during the same period that all Minnesota counties will be participating in regional public library systems so that by the end of 1989 all citizens of the state will for the first time in history have access to publicly supported library services; and
- WHEREAS: The Center for the Book at the Library of Congress has declared 1989 to be The Year of the Young Reader; and
- WHEREAS: Librarians are working together with a broad partnership of educators, parents, care providers, the media, and others to promote library services to children; and
- WHEREAS: Public libraries are working towards their goals of serving every person; and
- WHEREAS: April 10-16, 1988 is the Week of the Young Child, and April 17-23, 1988 is National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 10-23, 1988 to be

THE KICKOFF OF REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

to every child 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 twenty-fifth 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

Jean Anderson Grane
SECRETARY OF STATE

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