

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Kevin Hoemke's determination and strength, combined with the support and love of his family, friends and the Richfield community, have helped him to recover from the brain injuries he sustained in a car accident on December 26, 1987; and

Kevin was in a coma for two months after the accident, and has fought depression, pneumonia, and colitis along with his injuries, but has shown that he is a true fighter by progressing faster and further than most patients with such injuries; and

WHEREAS: Kevin has had to relearn how to do many things, such as swallow, talk and walk, but has progressed to the point of becoming an outpatient at Sister Kenny Institute; and

WHEREAS: Richard Maas, principal of Richfield High School, where Kevin is a senior, and 24 other community leaders and students have coordinated Kevin Hoemke Day for Saturday, April 9, and have scheduled events for this day to raise money for Kevin's medical expenses, including a basketball game, a run, a pancake breakfast and a student dance; and

WHEREAS: Kevin Hoemke is a remarkable person, whose dedication and hard work toward his recovery have made all who know him joyful and proud;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 9, 1988 to be

KEVIN HOEMKE DAY

in Minnesota.

WHEREAS:

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 eightyeight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

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