



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Prior to 1968 disparities existed between Indian and non-Indian citizens in the State of Minnesota and across America in the areas of education, employment, housing, health, economic development, civil, human and treaty rights, and the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS: On July 28, 1968 American Indians of many tribes gathered in the City of Minneapolis to establish a new organization to combat these astounding disparities of Indian and non-Indian citizens of the State of Minnesota and across America; and
- WHEREAS: This organization with a strong philosophy of Indian self determination, became known as the American Indian Movement; and
- WHEREAS: The American Indian Movement has developed many programs over the past 20 years in cooperation with the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the State of Minnesota, and the United States Government, such as: Heart of the Earth Survival School in Minneapolis, The Red School House in St. Paul, the Minneapolis and St. Paul Urban Indian Health Programs, The Legal Rights Center of Minneapolis, Little Earth of United Tribes (housing) MIGIZI Communications and the American Indians Opportunities Industrialization Center in Minneapolis; and
- WHEREAS: These programs of Indian self determination have taken thousands of Indian families off the welfare rolls, and placed them on payrolls; and
- WHEREAS: The American Indian Movement is hosting their Twentieth Anniversary, "Gathering of Nations" at Historic Fort Snelling State Park to celebrate twenty years of Indian self determination from September 1-6, 1988; and
- WHEREAS: This historic cultural event will bring together traditional dancers, singers and visitors of many different Indian nations from across the Americas, with the public invited to participate;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 1-7 to be

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SELF DETERMINATION WEEK "

in Minnesota in honor of the many positive contributions the American Indian Movement has made to the State of Minnesota, and America. I further call on all citizens of this Great State to welcome all visitors, cooperate and participate in this historic gathering as an ongoing effort of reconciliation.



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