



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: We recognize that American Indian youth under the age of 25 years comprise over half of the American Indian population in the State of Minnesota, as well as nation-wide; and
- WHEREAS: Despite the fact that American Indian youth suffer from diverse economic, cultural, educational and social problems, as Indian people they continue to maintain and to strive for self sufficiency and excellence; and
- WHEREAS: The future of Indian nations will be molded by Indian youths' vision, talents, enthusiasm, optimism, energy and commitment to retaining Indian values and culture; and
- WHEREAS: The Indian youth of Minnesota will preserve the vision and traditional ways of American Indian people. This will broaden the horizons of American Indian nations allowing them to prosper as a people today and for future generations to come; and
- WHEREAS: American Indians must achieve access to the educational opportunities that nurture self realization of their potential and enable them to be productive, contributing members of their tribe, the State of Minnesota and the nation; and
- WHEREAS: It is vital to our future that this state and nation work together to insure the fullest development of its educational and cultural potentials, and to preserve the efforts of programs designed to improve the quality of life for American Indian people; and
- WHEREAS: Through this proclamation we recognize and celebrate our American Indian youth's struggles and accomplishments and provide commitment and encouragement for all youth to excel and realize their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 28, 1988 and the last Wednesday of September in subsequent years to be

AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson
Secretary of State

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 twelfth day of September 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
SECRETARY OF STATE

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