



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Youth 2000 is a national initiative to increase the nation's awareness that many of our youth are at risk of being unqualified and unprepared for careers of the 21st century that will require increased and technological skill levels; and

WHEREAS: 10 to 15 percent of those between the ages of 16 and 19 are experiencing high rates of alcohol and drug abuse, out-of-wedlock pregnancy, illiteracy, interrupted education, poverty and/or violent behavior; and

WHEREAS: If the present trends continue, the proportion of young Americans entering the labor force who are not prepared for employment and self-sufficiency, particularly poor and minority youth, will increase substantially; and

WHEREAS: America and the State of Minnesota cannot afford to lose a generation of young people to poverty and despair; and

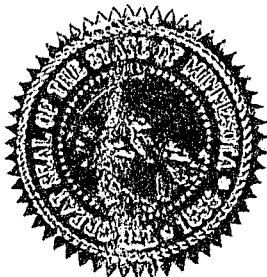
WHEREAS: The next 12 years offer a unique window of opportunity. The number of new jobs will be roughly equivalent to the number of new labor force entrants. Tight labor markets for entry level jobs should result in more opportunities for less well-prepared workers. We have the potential to narrow the occupational and earnings gaps. However, many new jobs will require increased skill levels which young people must be prepared to fulfill; and

WHEREAS: Youth 2000 aims to increase the nation's awareness of this problem and to generate a grass roots movement to help every young American fulfill his or her full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 11, 1988 to be

YOUTH 2000 WEEK

in Minnesota, and I call upon all government agencies, business, labor, schools, volunteer groups, families and all citizens of Minnesota to work together to mount a campaign that will really make a difference.



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

Joan Anderson Growe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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