



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The disease AIDS is now widely recognized to be the leading public health problem of our time; and
- WHEREAS: It has been estimated that 270,000 people will have been diagnosed with AIDS nationwide — and 180,000 of those people will have died — by the end of 1991; and
- WHEREAS: Between 1,350 and 1,900 of those AIDS cases will have been diagnosed here in Minnesota — and anywhere from 900 to 1,100 AIDS deaths will occur in our state — before the end of 1990; and
- WHEREAS: The unchecked spread of this disease could have a devastating impact on our state and our nation; and
- WHEREAS: In the absence of an effective treatment or vaccine, information and education remain our most effective weapons in the battle against this disease — and our most effective means of controlling its spread; and
- WHEREAS: Our state has already assumed a leadership role in making use of educational, informational and disease control strategies to help contain the spread of the AIDS virus; and
- WHEREAS: During the month of October, 1988 — here in Minnesota and nationwide — interested individuals, groups and government agencies will be participating in efforts to focus public attention on the urgency of the AIDS problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1988 to be

AIDS PREVENTION MONTH

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in Minnesota, and I urge all Minnesotans to become part of the effort to halt the spread of this tragic disease.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set ~~Secretary of State~~  
hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of  
Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol  
this twenty-sixth 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 Shrove*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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