



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: An informed electorate is vital to a strong democracy; and

WHEREAS: Books have been replaced by television as a primary source of information and entertainment; and

WHEREAS: Books have provided the means whereby our history and knowledge have passed from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS: A national effort to promote books and writers would complement efforts of literacy programs, encourage reading, and advance the literature of the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Education estimates the adult illiteracy rate to be 13 percent (17,000,000 to 21,000,000 persons) among United States adults over 19 years of age; and

WHEREAS: Illiteracy impairs the ability to learn, analyze, and communicate; and

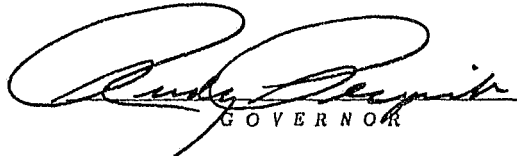
WHEREAS: This nation must make a concerted effort to teach its citizens how to read and make them aware of the vast benefits of literacy;

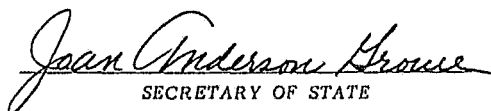
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 28 through December 5, 1988 to be

"NATIONAL BOOK WEEK"

in Minnesota.

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 twenty-eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

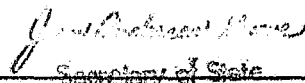
  
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