



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Shoplifting and all forms of retail theft are serious crimes costing retailers in the United States more than \$40 billion annually and creating losses of more than \$300 million each year for Minnesota merchants; and

WHEREAS: Retail theft crimes have an impact on all Minnesota citizens, costing a family of four more than \$300 annually in increased prices needed to offset merchants losses to theft; and


WHEREAS: Those guilty of retail theft crimes inflict great harm upon themselves and their families, and also injure our society;

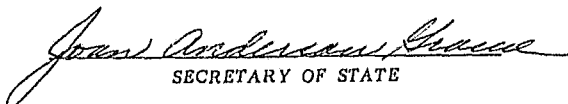
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day after Thanksgiving and the following week to be

RETAIL THEFT PREVENTION WEEK

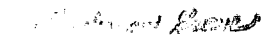
in Minnesota.

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


GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA
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