



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The school districts in Southwest and West Central Minnesota have a long history of cooperation and leadership; and
- WHEREAS: These school districts have shown that they are dedicated to doing all they can to meet specific educational needs, provide necessary educational services and expand opportunities for their students; and
- WHEREAS: These school districts created the idea of regional cooperatives, to perform educational planning on a regional basis and provide educational programs and services through a joint effort of school districts, more efficiently and economically than individual school districts; and
- WHEREAS: These school districts petitioned the Minnesota legislature for authorization to begin a regional educational cooperative, and in 1973, the legislature issued a grant for a pilot cooperative, which these school districts created, and called an "educational service area"; and
- WHEREAS: In 1976, based on the success of the pilot cooperative, which is now known as the Southwest and West Central Cooperative Service Unit, the Minnesota legislature authorized every region in the state to begin educational cooperatives, and issued administrative grants for their development; and
- WHEREAS: Due to the spirit of cooperation and unity in the Southwest and West Central Minnesota area of Minnesota, especially in the area of education, today Educational Cooperative Service Units are an important part of our quality educational system in the State of Minnesota;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 3, 1988 to be

COOPERATION FOR QUALITY EDUCATION DAY

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

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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