



Proclamation

WHEREAS: People with disabilities constitute the largest minority group in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: People with disabilities have the same inalienable rights and responsibilities as all other Minnesota citizens; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans with disabilities want equal opportunity to lead lives of independence and productivity fully integrated into community life; and

WHEREAS: Current federal and state policies and programs need to be changed to replace hopelessness with hope, barriers with full access, unemployment with real jobs, despair with choice, and neglect with respect for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Disability is a universally common characteristic of the human condition, and there is a substantial probability that most human beings will experience significant disability at some point in their lifetime;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 5 to 11 to be

ACCESS/DISABILITY WEEK

in Minnesota, and I call upon the legislature to join me in pledging full access to all Minnesotans with disabilities, and to make all state owned or leased buildings accessible by 1992.

Further, I call upon all Minnesotans to commit themselves to strike out against injustice, prejudice and discrimination that currently exists against people with disabilities.

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 first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine and of the State the one hundred thirty-ninth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Hane
SECRETARY OF STATE

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