

## **Proclamation**

Smoking is the single largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United WHEREAS: States, and regular smoking begins among children age 12 to 14; and

Childen are our most precious resource and need to know at a very early age the life-long health problems caused by smoking; and WHEREAS:

The American Lung Association of Minnesota, American Heart Association, Minnesota Affiliate, and the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society have risen to this challenge by creating "The Smoke-Free Class of 2000" project, a 12-year anti-smoking education and awareness program for children who will graduate from high school in the year 2000, and the Minnesota Coalition For A Smoke-Free Society 2000 is conducting a similar project for children who will graduate in 2001; and WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24-28 to be

> SMOKE-FREE CLASS 2000 WEEK

in Minnesota, and further, I call upon all the citizens of Minnesota to observe Smoke-Free Class of 2000 Week and to join me in wishing success to the American Lung Association of Minnesota, American Heart Association, Minnesota Affiliate, the Minnesota Division of the American Cancer Society, and the Minnesota Coalition For A Smoke-Free Society 2000 in these projects.

> 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 Of the State of this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightynine, and of the State the one hundred

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Joen An**derson** Green Secretary of State

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