



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Jason Gaes is a special eleven year old who lives in Worthington, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Jason was diagnosed at age six with Burkitt's lymphoma, and went on to fight a two year battle against this rare form of cancer, requiring surgery, radiation, six hour chemotherapy sessions, experimental drugs, spinal and bone marrow treatments and CAT scans; and
- WHEREAS: On June 28, 1986, exactly two years after Jason's cancer was discovered, a Mass of thanksgiving and a party with 500 friends and relatives was held for Jason, to celebrate his recovery; and
- WHEREAS: Jason endured much pain and suffering during those two years, and he wrote his feelings, thoughts and fears about his illness in My Book For Kids With Cancer, because he wanted other children to know that you can get "cancer" and not die; and
- WHEREAS: Jason's book was made into a film entitled "You Don't have to Die" and was awarded a 1989 Academy Award in the category of documentary short subject; and
- WHEREAS: Despite his fame, Jason remains a sincere and friendly fifth grader who aspires to be a doctor when he grows up, so he can "take care people with cancer and tell them what it's like";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 14, 1989 to be

### J A S O N   G A E S   D A Y

in Minnesota.



*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR #39168

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Jean Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State