

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: Senior centers act as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of older Americans to help themselves and others in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Through their wide array of services, programs and activities, senior centers empower older Americans to contribute to their own health and well-being of their fellow citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Senior centers foster a philosophy of independence, self-reliance, and community spirit, thereby representing another expression of American ingenuity, determination, self-help, and neighborliness; and

WHEREAS: The month of May has historically been proclaimed as Older Americans' Month, as a time to recognize our rich treasury of older Americans; and

WHEREAS: The national theme for Senior Center Week shall be "Senior Centers: An Open Door";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 1989 to be

"SENIOR CENTER WEEK"

in Minnesota, and call upon the people of this state to recognize the special contributions of senior centers and their participants, and the special efforts of senior center staff and volunteers who work every day to enhance the well-being of older persons in communities throughout the country.

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 fifteenth day of May in the yestate OF MINNESOTA Lord one thousand nine hundred and significant of the State the one hundred ARTMENT OF STATE thirty-first.

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