

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: There is overwhelming evidence that tobacco is destroying the health and shortening the

lives of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS: Cigarette smoking kills 390,000 Americans each year; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Surgeon General's recent reports state that nicotine is an addictive agent,

and that smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death in our

society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 5, 1989 to be the first annual

## NONDEPENDENCE DAY

in Minnesota, promoted by the American Lung Associations in Minnesota, a day when smokers can declare their nondependence on tobacco and when friends and family declare their support and aid in helping their loved ones to be free from smoking.

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 June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightynine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

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