



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The American Field Service (AFS) was founded in 1914 as a volunteer ambulance corps during World War I and II; and
- WHEREAS: After the two wars the ambulance drivers became committed to ending the horrors of war and preventing future wars through intercultural learning and understanding; and
- WHEREAS: The ambulance drivers believed the best way to accomplish their mission was people from different cultures getting to know one another, one person, one family at a time; and
- WHEREAS: The student exchange program began in America in 1947, and in Minnesota in 1957; and
- WHEREAS: AFS student exchanges include students 15-18 years old from 52 countries and AFS teacher exchanges include elementary and secondary educators from China, Thailand, the Soviet Union and Latin America; and
- WHEREAS: The AFS students enjoy homestays with American families for a school year or a summer; and
- WHEREAS: The American students do the same in other countries; and
- WHEREAS: More than 85,000 students from more than 80 countries have received international scholarships, and Minnesota has shared the program with nearly 6,000 international students; and
- WHEREAS: This year, about 150 AFS students will live and study in Minnesota schools, 65 of them in the Twin Cities area; and
- WHEREAS: The American Field Service is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 18, 1989 to be

AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS DAY

in Minnesota.

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 seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Browne
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State