

## **Proclamation**

Agriculture is Minnesota's largest industry; and WHEREAS:

Minnesota is blessed with a wide variety and great abundance of organic crops and WHEREAS:

livestock produced on an ever increasing number of organic farms; and

WHEREAS: The market value of organic foods approximates three billion dollars annually on a

national basis; and

A rapidly growing percentage of our population derives their income from production, processing, transportation and marketing of these organic products; and WHEREAS:

It is essential that farmers, business people and consumers work to understand each others needs for the benefit of all; and WHEREAS:

Organic Week is set aside to salute the achievements of the working women and men in the organic business area of Minnesota's economy; WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 12-19, 1989 to be

ORGANIC WEEK

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State