

Proclamation

The Minnesota Historical Society was founded as a private nonprofit educational institution by the Fifth Act of the First Territorial Legislature in 1849; and WHEREAS:

For 140 years the Minnesota Historical Society has been collecting, preserving, and telling the story of Minnesota's people and places, and is today one of the largest, most comprehensive and respected historical societies in the nation; and WHEREAS:

More than one million people each year use the varied services of the Society, making it the largest educational institution in the state; and WHEREAS:

With dramatic growth in the last three decades, the Society has outgrown its present WHEREAS:

facilities; and

WHEREAS: The new Minnesota History Center will improve public access to the Society's diverse collections and provide an appropriate environment to exhibit and safeguard these collections that constitute our shared heritage; and

The new History Center will be a pre-eminent center in the Upper Midwest for the study and enjoyment of the humanities; and WHEREAS:

The History Center will strengthen the Minnesota Historical Society, allowing it to make even greater strides as an educational institution dedicated to fostering among all of our people an appreciation of the past; and WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota, through the Legislature and through private donations, have supported the Society's work and today celebrate the start of construction for the Minnesota Historical Society's History Center, a major landmark and resource for all

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

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in Minnesota, and congratulate the Minnesota Historical Society, its staff, its governing board, and its members statewide on this historic occasion.

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 twenty-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.

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