



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Books and reading are the basic nourishment of a growing mind and the foundation of a child's future education and enrichment; and

WHEREAS: Developing children into readers today is the best way of ensuring a literate and informed citizenry tomorrow; and

WHEREAS: The Book Industry Study Group and others have reported a decline in book reading among young people in recent years; and

WHEREAS: Since 1983 the National Commission on Excellence, the Commission on Reading, and the Librarian of Congress have urged this Nation to give renewed attention to encouraging a love of books and reading among our young people; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Children's Book Arts Festival sponsored by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts is to promote reading and educate children about the process of book making; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of Pledge Month, sponsored by Twin Cities Public Television is to encourage adults and children to read together;

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

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in Minnesota, and I encourage parents, educators, librarians, government officials, members of the book community, corporations, associations, and the people of Minnesota to participate in the Children's Book Arts Festival and Pledge Month as activities aimed at giving our children and young adults the gift, the joy, and the promise of reading.

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 third day of October 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 Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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