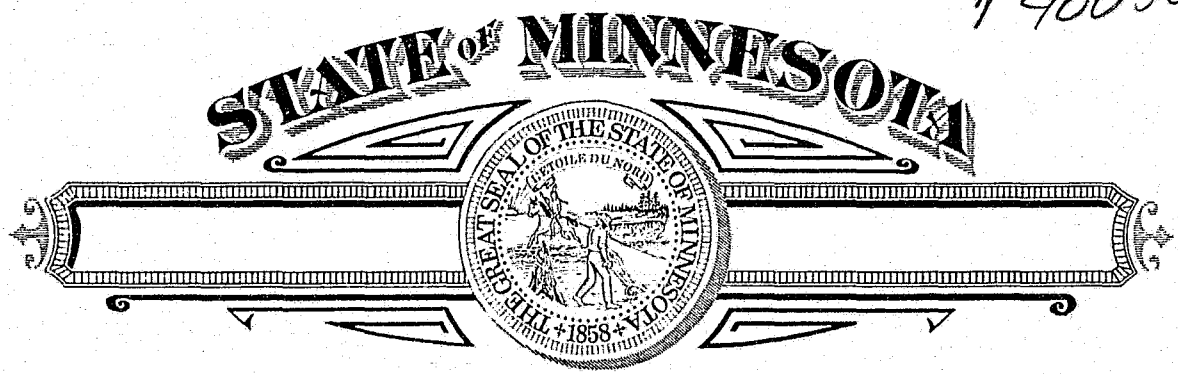


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Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The ability to read and write is recognized as indispensable for any American to compete in today's society; and
- WHEREAS: This right to read is essential for blind Americans, as well, to obtain an education, compete for employment, and fully participate in society; and
- WHEREAS: Braille, a system of raised dots developed by Louis Braille in the early 1820's, represents the means by which blind people are able to achieve the same level of literacy as the sighted; and
- WHEREAS: The National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, the state's largest advocacy organization of blind citizens, believes that with proper training, which includes the ability to competently read and write braille, blind persons can expect to achieve an equal education to that of their sighted peers; and
- WHEREAS: The National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota is joined by Minnesota State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Academy for the Blind in promoting the use of braille; and
- WHEREAS: All educational institutions and agencies of and for the blind should be encouraged to recognize the importance of braille and promote literacy through braille training; and
- WHEREAS: Employers and the public should be encouraged to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in a rapidly changing society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1990 to be

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Jean Anderson Browne
Secretary of State

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 eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Browne
SECRETARY OF STATE