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## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The ability to read is the most fundamental and thus the most important aspect of our educational experience; and

WHEREAS: Effective reading is essential to persons of all ages and all areas of endeavor as wage-earners and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS: Our concepts of reading and reading instruction are changing in step with changes in virtually every field of the sciences and the arts; and

WHEREAS: It is the duty of the citizens of Minnesota to make available to our children every feasible educational advantage and to show by example an intelligent approach to this facet of our daily lives; and

WHEREAS: It is every human's right to become a lifelong reader and to enhance intellectual growth and personal fulfillment; and

WHEREAS: The International Reading Association, through the Minnesota Reading Association and its local reading councils is seeking to bring the children and the adults of this state such information and aid as is indicated to assist us in becoming more proficient lifelong readers, for both information and pleasure;

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

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in Minnesota, and that the attention of our citizens be directed toward fitting observances of this significant 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 sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Browne*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State