

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Middle level education has a special and unique function in the nation's educational

system; and

WHEREAS: Early adolescents are undergoing dramatic physical, social, emotional, and intellectual

growth, and are especially vulnerable; and

WHEREAS: The habits and values established during early adolescence have critical, life-long

influence; and

WHERAS: This influence impacts directly on the future health and welfare of our nation; and

WHEREAS: An adequate public understanding of the distinctive mission of the middle level school

is necessary for that mission to succeed;

NOW. THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 11-17, 1990 to be

NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION WEEK

in Minnesota, and that the public be afforded special opportunities to visit middle level schools and participate in programs that focus on the nature of early adolescents and celebrate the ways in which our nation's schools respond to their needs and to the needs of the nation.

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 Capital this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

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Secretary of State