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Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 1948-49 Rolling Gophers was the first wheelchair basketball team in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: That team placed second in the First Annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament and still holds the national tournament defensive record for a single game; and
- WHEREAS: Now there are National Wheelchair Basketball Association Teams in Duluth, Rochester, Mankato, Marshall and the Twin Cities; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of Minnesotans play the sport of Wheelchair Basketball; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud of the achievements of its wheelchair basketball teams; and
- WHEREAS: Its teams have captured five national women's wheelchair basketball championships and three national intercollegiate wheelchair basketball championships; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans recognize wheelchair basketball as a legitimate sport; and
- WHEREAS: Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park is the site of the 1990 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships; and
- WHEREAS: These National Championships provide the opportunity for all Minnesotans to acknowledge the academic, vocational and athletic accomplishments of its citizens with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: Courage Center and Southwest State University, their athletes, staff and volunteers have contributed very significantly to the development of wheelchair basketball;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 24-31, 1990 to be

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL WEEK

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 twelfth 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

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Jean Anderson Browne
Secretary of State