## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Bible has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed nation and people; and

WHEREAS: Deeply held religious convictions springing from the Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Many of our great national leaders have paid tribute to the important influence the Bible has had in the development of our nation; and

WHEREAS: The history of our nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Holy Scriptures in the lives of individuals, families and societies; and

WHEREAS: The Bible provides a major source of hope for all people of the world; and

WHEREAS: The renewing of knowledge and faith in God through Holy Scripture reading can strengthen nations, families and individuals; and

WHEREAS: Numerous individuals and organizations around the world are joining hands to encourage international Bible reading in 1990;

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

THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIBLE READING

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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 twenty-third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

GOVERNOR