



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The student-athlete represents a role model worthy of emulation by America's youth; and
- WHEREAS: The past athletic successes of many of America's business, governmental and educational leaders dispell the myth that successful athletes are one-dimensional; and
- WHEREAS: Such worthy values and behaviors as perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to a goal, and a belief in racial equality are fostered and promoted by both academic and athletic pursuits; and
- WHEREAS: In spite of all the positive aspects of sport, overemphasis on sport at the expense of education can cause serious harm to an athlete's future after sport; and
- WHEREAS: The pursuit of victory in athletics among our nation's schools and colleges can lead to exploitation and abuse of the student-athlete; and
- WHEREAS: Less than one in 100 high school athletes play Division I college sports; and
- WHEREAS: College student-athletes in general graduate at the same rate as other students, less than 30 percent of scholarship athletes in revenue-producing sports ever graduate; and
- WHEREAS: Only one in 10,000 high school-athletes who dream of a career in professional sports ever realize that aspiration, and even those who do can expect a professional career of less than four years; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of America's youth sacrifice academic achievement to the dream of professional athletics; and
- WHEREAS: Coaches, parents and educators of student-athletes must express high expectations for academic performance as well as for athletic performance; and
- WHEREAS: There is a need in this nation to reemphasize the "student" in the term "student-athlete;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 6, 1990 to be

"STUDENT - ATHLETE DAY"

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean Anderson Grove
Secretary of State

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 seventh day of March 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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Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Grove

SECRETARY OF STATE