

Proclamation

WHEREAS: on November 1, 1777, this Nation celebrated its First National Thanksgiving, as proclaimed by the Continental Congress, thus establishing our national tradition that every American has known since infancy; and

WHEREAS: it was Samuel Adams, "The Father of the Revolution," who was given authority to write the first Thanksgiving Proclamation; and

WHEREAS: this Proclamation expressed the gratitude of the people of an infant nation for the decisive turning point in the Fight for Independence, the surrender of General Burgoyne to General Gates near Saratoga, New York in October, 1777; and

WHEREAS: let us be thankful that the deep religious beliefs on which the first Thanksgiving was founded are still part of the American tradition; and

WHEREAS: let us be thankful that our commitment to freedom, dignity, and self-respect has been strengthened despite a succession of crises in our history which have seriously tested our national resolve and resiliency; and

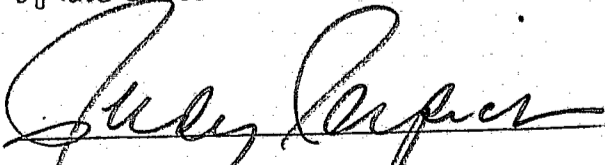
WHEREAS: let us be thankful that we are a nation at peace;

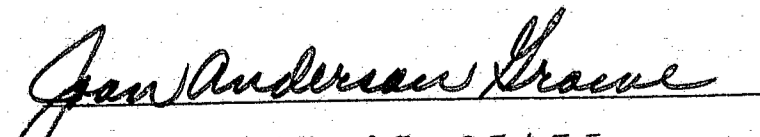
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 24, 1977, to be a Day of Statewide

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and urge that at high noon, on this 200th Thanksgiving Day, bells be rung for two full minutes in celebration of the flowering of the Thanksgiving tradition on the American continent for two centuries.

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-fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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