



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ten years ago, there were few and inadequate laws to prohibit discrimination against disabled persons; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 changed that; and

WHEREAS: Up until five years ago, there was no accessible mass transit; and

WHEREAS: Ten years ago, many disabled persons were forced to live in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS: Today many of these people live in apartments with the assistance of the State Personal Care Attendant Program; and

WHEREAS: The disabled persons, due to attitudinal and physical barriers have a difficult time gaining employment, thus living in severe economic poverty reliant on minimal government subsidies; and

WHEREAS: Many disabled persons earn as little as \$1.05 per hour as their only means of employment; and

WHEREAS: People with disabilities still face architectural barriers in the private and public sectors limiting their use of benefits that the rest of society is afforded; and

WHEREAS: We come together today to celebrate our collective and individual accomplishments, to show unity for obtaining common goals, and to set in motion a new and powerful action coalition for us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 24, 1983, to be

SOLIDARITY DAY FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DISABILITIES

in Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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JUL 11 1983
Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

Rudy Perpich
Joan Anderson Howe

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 fifth day of July in the year of our one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three