



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Every day, the world produces two pounds of grain for each man, woman and child on earth -- enough to provide everyone with 3,000 calories, well above the minimum daily requirements for life. Yet, 15 to 20 million people die every year from hunger-related causes; and
- WHEREAS: Oxfam America is a non-profit, international agency that is dedicated to overcoming the scourge of world hunger. The organization funds self-help development projects and disaster relief in poor countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, and prepares and distributes materials for Americans on issues of development and hunger; and
- WHEREAS: Oxfam supports small projects that reach into villages and rural areas where local grassroots groups are working to increase their own food production and economic self-reliance; and
- WHEREAS: The name "Oxfam" came from the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, founded in England in 1942. During the past 40 years, Oxfam has gained a global reputation for innovative and realistic aid to some of the poorest people in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Oxfam America, based in Boston, was established in 1970 and is one of the six autonomous Oxfams around the world. Oxfam America often collaborates with other Oxfams and other international agencies to fund specific parts of large development programs. In its most recent fiscal year, Oxfam America attracted more than \$4.5 million in contributions; and
- WHEREAS: As part of its fundraising efforts, Oxfam America sponsors a Fast for a World Harvest Day each year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. On this special day, the organization asks people to go without eating for one day and to donate their food money to Oxfam;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 1983, to be

FAST FOR A WORLD HARVEST DAY

in Minnesota.

Rudy Perpich
Gov. Andrew H. Anderson

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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 twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three and of the State the one hundred twenty-