



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnesota-based American Refugee Committee (ARC), a private, non-sectarian, refugee relief organization dedicated to helping people who have left their homelands due to natural disaster, political oppression, or warfare threatening their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS: ARC has provided medical care and training to more than 400,000 Southeast Asian refugees in Thailand and on the Cambodian border since 1979; and

WHEREAS: ARC's objectives are to prevent illness through public health programs, provide medical and nutritional care, and most importantly, teach refugees to help themselves through training programs designed by ARC medical volunteers; and

WHEREAS: As Minnesotans, we will continue to support the efforts of the ARC and humanitarian endeavors; and

WHEREAS: We call attention to the Southeast Asian refugee situation and celebrate the work of humanitarian organizations that help refugees create a place in society and make broken lives whole again;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the fifth day of September to be

S O U T H E A S T A S I A N R E F U G E E D A Y

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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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-second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Joan Anderson Howe
Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR