

STATE of MINNESOTA



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Shoplifting and all forms of retail theft are serious crimes costing retailers in the United States more than \$42 billion annually and creating losses of more than \$288 million each year for Minnesota merchants; and

WHEREAS: Retail theft crimes have an impact on all Minnesota citizens, costing a family of four nearly \$250 annually in increased prices needed to offset merchant losses to theft; and

WHEREAS: Those guilty of retail theft crimes inflict harm upon themselves and their families, and also injure society;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day after Thanksgiving and the following week to be

Retail Theft Prevention Week

in Minnesota.



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-seventh day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

Joan A. Grome
SECRETARY OF STATE

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