



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pornography presents youth with a false and distorted image of human sexuality, devoid of love, commitment, and responsibility; and
- WHEREAS: So-called "adult pornography" is commonly used by pedophiles to desensitize children and break down their resistance to sexual acts; and
- WHEREAS: There are Federal and state obscenity laws against illegal hardcore pornography to protect public safety, public health and public morality; and
- WHEREAS: these obscenity laws are grounded in contemporary community standards of decency; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court has held that obscenity is not protected speech under the First Amendment, and has said that the State has a right to "maintain a decent society"; and
- WHEREAS: Americans throughout this great nation will be participating in Pornography Awareness Week in various ways, including the display of White Ribbons as symbols of community standards of decency and to support the enforcement of obscenity laws.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, the week of October 29 through November 5, 2000 shall be observed as:

Pornography Awareness Week

in the State of 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 5th day of October in the year two thousand, and of the State the one hundred forty second.

Jesse Ventura
GOVERNOR

Mary Kiffmeyer
SECRETARY OF STATE

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