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Joseph D. Donovan
Secretary of State

A Proclamation for "Audubon Week"

WHEREAS, the greatest progress made in conservation of natural resources in our generation has been the growing recognition of its basic relation to human welfare, as attested by the broadening of horizons and scope of operations and goals of the many organizations working in the conservation field; and

WHEREAS, in this year of 1955 - the Golden Anniversary of the National Audubon Society, founded in 1905 - we, in Minnesota, are glad to pay tribute to a pioneer conservation organization that has been in the forefront of the movement to encourage wise use of our great natural resources; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years the National Audubon Society has been conducting a vigorous educational campaign to awaken Americans to the peril of allowing our resources of soil, water, plants, and wildlife to be squandered and dissipated; and

WHEREAS, the Society has enrolled nearly 10,000,000 children in Audubon Junior Clubs; conducts camps where adult leaders are trained in conservation techniques; sponsors some 2,000 public lectures a year; issues numerous publications on nature and conservation subjects; and in many other ways continues to develop public awareness of the importance of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the first Audubon Camp in the midwest - located convenient to Minnesotans in northwestern Wisconsin - and made possible by a Minnesota woman, Miss Frances E. Andrews of Minneapolis, will open on June 26 for five two-week sessions as a nature and conservation training center for Minnesota and Wisconsin in particular; and there is widespread interest in Minnesota in the important role that this midwestern Audubon Camp will play in the advancement of conservation education in our state;

THEREFORE, in order to call public attention to the opening of the Audubon Camp, and in recognition of 50 years of conservation achievement by the National Audubon Society;

BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the period April 24 through April 30, 1955, as

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in Minnesota, and I urge that all Minnesotans give special attention during that week to the conservation activities being undertaken by the National Audubon Society and its affiliated organizations.

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 in St. Paul this twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five and of the state, the ninety-seventh.

ATTEST:

Joseph D. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Orville L. Freeman