

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Minnesota Water Resources Month"

WHEREAS, water is the most essential single resource that man uses; like the air he breathes, it is basic to survival. It is the life blood of civilization; proper management of our waters cannot be separated from the management of our lands and our forests; and

WHEREAS, in Minnesota water is so plentiful that we have taken it for granted without concern for its conservation and yet a growing population, higher living standards, and increasing industrial development require a larger and larger and more dependable supply of clean water;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do lay stress upon the need for greater public support of our conservation program in Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February in this centennial year of 1958 as

MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES MONTH

and call upon the people of Minnesota to work together for the following goals:

- 1) Devote our waters to wise and beneficial uses;
- 2) Vigorously attack the problems of water pollution;
- 3) Approach the solution of our water problems on nature's lands, the watersheds;
- 4) Reduce the efforts to consolidate the functions and activities associated with our waters in a single agency;
- 5) Strengthen our support of research, statistical, topographic mapping and basic data collection so that the management of our waters may rest on a solid factual foundation.

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-eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight and of the state, the one hundredth.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Johnson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

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