

A PROCLAMATION FOR "WILDLIFE WEEK IN MINNESOTA"

- WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota are dependent for their livelihoods upon our natural resources -- soils, waters, forests, grasslands, minerals and wildlife. These contribute in hundreds of ways to the growth and development of the state's industry, commerce, and agriculture; and,
- WHEREAS, we also recognize the need for open spaces -- the wilderness and scenic areas, fields, forests, grasslands, waters and shorelines -- that are so vitally important to the physical and mental well-being of the ever-increasing numbers of citizens who find pleasure and recreation in the out-of-doors; and,
- WHEREAS, the week of March 20 through 26 is observed as National Wildlife Week, a time for people to give special attention to the problem of providing proper care for the lands and waters upon which all of us depend; and,
- WHEREAS, the 1960 Wildlife Week program focuses attention on the growing need for protecting water -- one of our most precious natural assets -- which has suffered severely from man's neglect through pollution, drainage, burning and mistreatment of forests, abuse of farmlands, and other wasteful practices; and,
- WHEREAS, to restore our water supplies and to provide for growing populations, is a responsibility shared by all Minnesotans to study our water needs and contribute actively to plans for sound, long-range water conservation programs;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that

"WILDLIFE WEEK"

will be observed in Minnesota March 20-26, 1960, as an occasion for creating public awareness of our nation's growing water problems, and I urge the people of our state to study and support those programs that will provide protection for this important resource.

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 fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty and of the state the one hundred second.

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR STATE OF MINNESOTA
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