



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: the outstanding contributions of America's hunters and fishermen to recreation, conservation and the economy are deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS: since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in major conservation programs in our cities, states and Washington. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the founding of state fish and game departments in all 50 states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy hunting and fishing licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. Hunters and fishermen asked for season and bag limits so that everyone would have a fair chance to harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding stock of any species. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited hundreds of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development; and

WHEREAS: hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans. Through their publications and organizations - such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others - hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 22, 1973 as

## MINNESOTA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

I urge all of our citizens to join with sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, I urge all citizens to visit sportsmen's clubs on Minnesota Hunting and Fishing Day to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

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 sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*Arlen d. Ershel*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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