



Proclamation

WHEREAS: wildlife has always been a source of beauty, inspiration and enjoyment to the people of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: we recognize the priceless value of America's many forms of wildlife and the role they play in making the world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS: much of our wildlife is prospering thanks to conservation practices, nevertheless there are over 100 animals across America on the official list of endangered species; and

WHEREAS: the continued survival of threatened animals, including the southern bald eagle, the eastern timber wolf, the whooping crane, the American peregrine falcon, the Florida panther, the California condor, the Devil's Hole pupfish and 102 more native forms, is open to question; and

WHEREAS: the existence of these endangered animals is imperiled by loss of habitat, over-exploitation, predation, competition, disease and environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS: these species must have help or they will probably become extinct; and

WHEREAS: the concern and support of citizens who care about wildlife can be a positive force in protecting this heritage; and

WHEREAS: the period March 17 - 23, 1974 has been designated as a special time to state our concern for endangered wildlife;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby join the National Wildlife Federation in proclaiming March 17 - 23, 1974 as

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to affirm that "We Care About Endangered Wildlife."

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 eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

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