



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: the prairie chicken was once a most significant game bird in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: its presence supplied frontier families with an important source of food during Minnesota's early years as a state; and
- WHEREAS: its unique characteristics make it an object of extreme interest to both wildlife specialists and the general public; and
- WHEREAS: intensive cultivation has reduced the prairie chicken's habitat in Minnesota to a small, but vitally important, segment of its original range; and
- WHEREAS: the City of Rothsay, Minnesota, is located in the heart of the state's remaining prairie chicken habitat; and
- WHEREAS: the conservation-minded people of Rothsay have expressed their desire to preserve remaining tracts of prairie chicken habitat and have shown pride in being the center of the bird's range;

WHEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the City of Rothsay to be the

PRAIRIE CHICKEN CAPITAL

Minnesota.

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 thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

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