



# Proclamation

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- WHEREAS: Armando M. DeVoannes is a graduate of Eveleth High School, Eveleth Junior College and the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: for 20 years he was sports editor of the Mesabi Daily News and also starred as a radio and television announcer, news reporter and photographer; and
- WHEREAS: his friends call him Mondo and he is also affectionately known as the "Range Godfather;" and
- WHEREAS: from 1961-1971 Mondo served as Commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, was Area Redevelopment Administration Administrator for two years and in July 1972, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Economic Development; and
- WHEREAS: he is a Marine veteran, was Commander of the American Legion Post in Virginia, served as president of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and was the JCC Distinguished Service Award winner in 1947; and
- WHEREAS: he served 18 years on the Virginia Police and Fire Commission and was a charter member of the Virginia Recreation Commission; and
- WHEREAS: Mondo is a member of the Inter-State Port Authority and a director of the Northern Minnesota Regional Economic Development Center; and
- WHEREAS: for ten years, Mondo served on the State Capitol Credit Union Board of Directors, was elected president in 1975, and continues to serve on the Insurance Committee in an advisory capacity; and
- WHEREAS: DED already has learned that it will take one Pole and one Norwegion to replace one Italian; and
- WHEREAS: Mondo has reached the magic age of 65 and is officially retiring from state government, but he is already planning to return as a journalist and ask the questions rather than give the answers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 30, 1976 to be

ARMANDO M. DeVOANNES DAY

In Minnesota, and join his many friends and admirers gathered here at Virginia to pay him tribute, bid him au revoir, and to wish him a busy "retirement" and continued success in helping to make Minnesota and Ely Lake, in particular, a good place to live.

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

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
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