

State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Gordon Newstrom is held in high esteem as a veteran pilot and as an airport operator; and

WHEREAS: during World War II, many Navy men learned to fly under the able instruction of Gordon Newstrom; and

WHEREAS: he founded Mesaba Aviation on the range in 1947 and under his management, it has become one of the most efficient airports in the state; and

WHEREAS: Gordon Newstrom is recognized as an authority on seaplane operation -- not only in the United States, but in Europe; and

WHEREAS: almost every airline in the nation lists a crew member who learned to fly at Grand Rapids and was issued a license by Gordon Newstrom; and

WHEREAS: Gordon Newstrom is past president of the Minnesota Aviation Trades Association, and has the distinction of having championed the cause of some of Minnesota's best aviation legislation; and

WHEREAS: Gordon Newstrom is president of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and has long been an active and effective community and state leader; and

WHEREAS: Gordon Newstrom, by word and deed, has won the respect of the entire aviation industry and pilots everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 12, 1977 to be

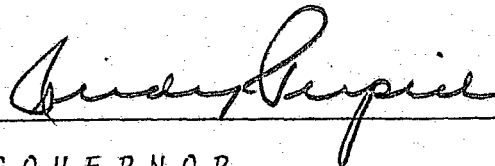
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in Minnesota, and join his many friends and admirers in wishing him a busy "retirement", continued success and an abundance of good health.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby extend my grateful thanks to a dedicated and extraordinary citizen who has brought honor and fame to the State of Minnesota in the field of aviation by contributing to and being part of its history.

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 tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
F. I. L. & D.
FEB 10 1977
Jan Anderson
Secretary of State


GOVERNOR

