



Proclamation

- HEREAS: Norman M. Lorentzsen, president of Burlington Northern Inc., was born on November 29, 1915 in Horace, North Dakota; and
- HEREAS: the Lorentzsen family moved to Dilworth soon after where Mr. Lorentzsen was graduated from high school; and
- HEREAS: he is a 1941 graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, with a major in economics, and is now a Regent at that institution of higher learning; and
- HEREAS: he also is a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program; and
- HEREAS: after graduation from college, Mr. Lorentzsen enlisted in the Navy and served four years as a pilot; and
- HEREAS: Mr. Lorentzsen began his distinguished and illustrious career as a railroad executive at the bottom; and
- HEREAS: he first worked as a section laborer and brakeman in Dilworth and, following his discharge from the Navy, he resumed his railroad employment as Dilworth's assistant trainmaster; and
- HEREAS: in 1949, Mr. Lorentzsen was promoted to trainmaster at Missoula, Montana, and thereafter advanced to supervisory jobs that increased his working knowledge of how to run a railroad; and
- HEREAS: by 1968, Mr. Lorentzsen was Northern Pacific's vice president in charge of operations, retained that position following the Burlington-Northern merger, and was elected executive vice president the next year; and
- HEREAS: on July 1, 1973, Mr. Lorentzsen was elected president of the Burlington Northern's Transportation Division, and on January 1, 1977, he was elected president of the company, thus joining an esteemed and select few in the history of the great railroads; and
- HEREAS: Mr. Lorentzsen will be honored by the City of Dilworth on Friday, April 22, 1977, an event sponsored by the Dilworth Lions Club and featuring an Italian spaghetti dinner prepared and served by the ladies of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby commemorate this auspicious occasion by proclaiming Friday, April 22, 1977 to be

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in Minnesota, and join the citizens of Dilworth in paying tribute to a most remarkable and accomplished gentleman who has conferred proud distinction upon his adopted state.

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 twenty-second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE