



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Selmer Swanson was born in Minneapolis on October 5, 1900; and
- WHEREAS: in High School he earned letters in football, baseball, hockey and track; and
- WHEREAS: he is a veteran of World War I and World War II, and is a past commander of American Legion Post No. 540; and
- WHEREAS: for 35 years Selmer Swanson worked for the United States Postal Service as a mail clerk; and
- WHEREAS: with love and understanding, Selmer has coached more than 50,000 young people in skiing, baseball, football, hockey, tennis, and swimming; and
- WHEREAS: Selmer is known affectionately as "Mr. Minnesota of Skiing," and still runs up and down the ski jumps like a 30-year-old; and
- WHEREAS: Selmer was the first member of the Minneapolis Amateur Hall of Fame, an award presented to him by the great Jack Dempsey; and
- WHEREAS: Selmer donned skis for the first time in 1934, a happy event which led to 43 years as the Nordic Ski Program Director at Wirth Park; and
- WHEREAS: this program has produced 21 National Champions and many notable Olympic skiers; and
- WHEREAS: every year, the boys and girls who have participated in the Nordic Ski Program are Selmer's guests at a banquet and are presented awards for their accomplishments; and
- WHEREAS: the banquet date this year is Thursday, April 14, 1977;

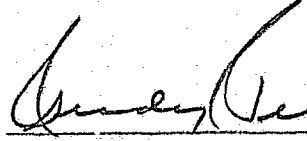
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that day, April 14, 1977 to be

SELMER SWANSON DAY

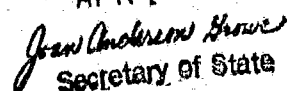
in Minnesota, and join his students, their parents, and other admirers in wishing him continued success.

FURTHERMORE, I do extend to him the gratitude of all Minnesotans for his many years of dedication in providing so many young people with the kind of training that not only develops their skills, but helps to build healthy bodies.

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-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.


STATE OF MINNESOTA
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GOVERNOR


Secretary of State

