



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the outstanding contributions of America's hunters and fishermen to conservation, recreation and the economy, are deserving of special recognition; and*

WHEREAS: *since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the founding of state fish and game departments in all 50 states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. In the last 50 years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs; and*

WHEREAS: *hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result being more deer, elk, antelope, and wild turkey in the United States than there were 50 years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefitted numerous species of non-game, fish and wildlife through habitat development; and*

WHEREAS: *hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans; and*

WHEREAS: *through their publications and organizations--such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others--hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 24, 1977 to be

MINNESOTA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

and urge that this day be an annual observance the fourth Saturday of each September. I urge all of our citizens to join with sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all citizens to take part in National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 24 to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
DEPARTMENT OF STATE my hand and caused the Great Seal of the
FILED State of Minnesota to be affixed at the
AUG 5 - 1977 State Capitol this fourth day of August
Joan Anderson Howe in the year of our Lord one thousand nin-
Secretary of State hundred seventy-seven and of the State the
one hundred nineteenth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe