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WHEREAS: the Ford Motor Company was founded on June 16, 1903, and in this year of 1978 celebrates its 75th Anniversary as a major force in the economy of this nation and major contributo to putting its citizens on wheels, increasing their mobility and improving their quality of life; and

WHEREAS: the Ford Motor Company in carrying out the goals of its founder, Henry Ford, developed the world's first automobile assembly line, placed the automobile within the reach of the average person and achieved during its history many significant industrial accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: the Ford Motor Company has been an industrial citizen of the State of Minnesota and assembled automobiles in this area since 1924 -- producing more than 122,000 vehicles last year at its Twin Cities Assembly Plant; and

WHEREAS: the Ford Motor Company employs more than 2,200 persons in the Twin Cities area, has a combined payroll of approximately \$50 million and makes purchases totalling more than \$8 million annually in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: the Ford Motor Company is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with Luncheon ceremonies in various states across the U.S.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 16, 1978 to be

FORD DAY

in Minnesota, and welcome the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Ford Motor Company.

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 fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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