



Proclamation

WHEREAS: All forms of life on earth depend upon water for their very existence; and

WHEREAS: Water resources can facilitate transportation, generate electrical power, serve as a recreational setting, support agricultural production, provide a habitat for fish and wildlife, and serve mankind in other important ways; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's lakes and streams were a major encouragement to early settlement and exploration, and remain significant commercial and aesthetic resources yet today; and

WHEREAS: Water resources, like all natural gifts, must be keenly understood and prudently managed if they are to serve future generations as they have served us; and

WHEREAS: The Freshwater Biological Research Foundation, the Freshwater Society, the Minnesota Water Planning Board, the Minnesota Department of Economic Development, Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Geological Survey, Minnesota Water Resources Board, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Minnesota Environmental Education Board, State Planning Agency, Pollution Control Agency, Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Board, Minnesota Medical Association, American Medical Association, Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission, Ducks Unlimited, Sea Grant Extension Program, Department of Transportation, Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission and Minnesota Historical Society have spearheaded efforts to educate and inform all Minnesotans about the nature and significance of our State's water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim 1979 as

THE YEAR OF WATER AWARENESS

to be called Water Awareness '79

and urge all citizens to become actively involved in projects that will enhance their understanding of the role water plays in their individual lives and the life of Minnesota.

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 ninth day of February in the one hundred twenty-first year of the State.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
FEB-9 1979

Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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