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 sportsmenconservationists 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; 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 is 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 protected non-game wildlife through habitat preservation and development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Albert H, Quie and Lou Wangberg, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 1979, to be

MINNESOTA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all 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.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capital this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE SEP 1 0 1979

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE