



Proclamation

WHEREAS: WILD RICE HAS THE PRESTIGE OF BEING MINNESOTA'S "STATE GRAIN"; AND

WHEREAS: NORTHERN MINNESOTA PRODUCES APPROXIMATELY 2½ MILLION POUNDS OF WILD RICE ANNUALLY, OR 85% OF THE WORLD'S SUPPLY; AND

WHEREAS: COMMERCIAL PADDY FARMING HAS CONVERTED THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF MARGINAL AGRICULTURAL LAND INTO HIGH RETURN PRODUCTION; AND

WHEREAS: WILD RICE HAS BEEN AGGRESSIVELY PROMOTED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD BY THE MARKETERS, THE GROWERS, AND THE WILD RICE GROWERS ASSOCIATION; AND

WHEREAS: THE FUTURE MARKET POTENTIAL OF THE WILD RICE INDUSTRY IS ALMOST LIMITLESS THANKS TO AN INCREASE IN CONSUMER AWARENESS IN MARKETS EVERYWHERE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 23, 1981 TO BE

WILD RICE DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
JAN 16 1981
Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME, FURTHER, I URGE ALL MINNESOTANS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THE WILD RICE INDUSTRY HAS MADE TO THE ENJOYMENT OF GOOD EATING AND TO THE ECONOMY OF MINNESOTA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

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