



Proclamation

WHEREAS: WETLAND MANAGEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE A PROMINENT ISSUE IN THE 1980'S, AND THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE VALUES OF WETLANDS; AND

WHEREAS: OVER TEN MILLION ACRES OF WETLANDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRAINED IN THE STATE, AND WITH ONLY TWO MILLION ACRES OF WETLANDS REMAINING, THEY ARE DISAPPEARING AT THE RATE OF FIVE PERCENT A YEAR; AND

WHEREAS: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE PROTECT THE WETLANDS WE HAVE LEFT IN THIS STATE THROUGH IDENTIFICATION, LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE BROAD RANGE OF BENEFITS PROVIDED BY WETLANDS; AND

WHEREAS: FROM JUNE 17 THROUGH 19, 1981, THE MINNESOTA WATER PLANNING BOARD, THE WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN COMMISSION AND THE GREAT LAKES BASIN COMMISSION ARE SPONSORING THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON WETLANDS VALUES AND MANAGEMENT, TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WETLANDS IN OUR PART OF THE NATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JUNE 15 THROUGH 21, 1981 TO BE

WETLANDS AWARENESS WEEK

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

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

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