

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

REAS: THE RECENTLY COMPLETED NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LANDS STUDY HAS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO NON-AGRICULTURAL USES AND TO EXCESSIVE EROSION THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES; AND

REAS: THE SAME STUDY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NATION'S AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN MEETING GROWING DOMESTIC AND WORLD FOOD DEMANDS, ASSISTING IN THE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AND IN PRODUCING ENERGY CROPS; AND

REAS: MINNESOTA'S AGRICULTURAL LAND HAS BEEN THE BASIS FOR THE LIFE AND INCOME OF THE STATE'S FAMILY FARMERS SINCE 1858, AND IS PRESENTLY ALSO THE BASIS FOR THE FOOD AND FIBER INDUSTRY WHICH GENERATES 40% OF THE STATE'S ECONOMIC ACTIVITY; AND

REAS: THE STATE OF MINNESOTA LOST ALMOST ONE-HALF MILLION ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO NON-AGRICULTURAL USES BETWEEN 1967-1977 AND IS PROJECTED TO LOSE ANOTHER 600,000 ACRES BY THE YEAR 2000 IF PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE; AND

REAS: 30% OF MINNESOTA'S AGRICULTURAL LAND IS ERODING DUE TO WATER AND WIND AT RATES WHICH WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVE CAPABILITY OF THAT LAND; AND

REAS: THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL PEOPLE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO STUDY WAYS OF PROTECTING THIS VALUABLE BUT LIMITED SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN MINNESOTA;

THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY CLAIM 1982 TO BE THE YEAR OF

AGRICULTURAL LAND PROTECTION

MINNESOTA AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA TO WORK TO FIND WAYS OF PROTECTING THE STATE'S AGRICULTURAL LAND THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR OF 1982.

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

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