



Proclamation

WHEREAS: THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND IDEAS OF THE AMERICAN INVENTOR THOMAS ALVA EDISON FORM A LIVING LEGACY WHICH CONTINUES TO INSPIRE ALL WHO ARE COMMITTED TO SCIENCE AND ITS RELATED DISCIPLINES; AND

WHEREAS: HIS INVENTIVE GENIUS AND EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO CAREFUL RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION CREATED NEW INDUSTRIES AND TECHNOLOGIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STATE AND NATION. OUR COUNTRY AND OUR STATE NEED MEN AND WOMEN INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF EDISON; AND

WHEREAS: THE THOMAS ALVA EDISON FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO CONTINUING THE WORK OF THIS IMPORTANT MAN OF SCIENCE, SEEKS TO STIMULATE INCREASED AWARENESS AND INTEREST AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN CONSIDERING CAREERS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING; AND

WHEREAS: AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, THE THOMAS ALVA EDISON FOUNDATION ACTIVELY ENCOURAGES HIGH SCHOOLS AND INDUSTRIES ACROSS THE NATION TO SET ASIDE ONE DAY EVERY YEAR TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WITH THE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND RESEARCH; AND

WHEREAS: THE DATE CHOSEN FOR THIS NATIONAL OBSERVANCE IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THOMAS ALVA EDISON. HE WAS BORN FEBRUARY 11, 1847. BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 1931, HE HAD BEEN GRANTED 1,093 PATENTS FOR HIS INVENTIONS -- FAR MORE PATENTS THAN ANY OTHER INVENTOR HAS RECEIVED BEFORE OR SINCE. AMONG HIS INVENTIONS ARE THE ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB, THE TELEPHONE TRANSMITTER, THE PHONOGRAPH, THE MOTION PICTURE CAMERA, AND THE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES THAT LED TO RADIO, TELEVISION AND THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1983 TO BE

EDISON SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING YOUTH DAY

IN MINNESOTA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORTHY PURPOSE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE THOMAS ALVA EDISON FOUNDATION AND ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN GUIDING THE FUTURE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS OF OUR STATE AND NATION.

FURTHERMORE, I URGE THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE TO DO HONOR TO THE INSPIRING HERITAGE OF AMERICA'S GREAT INVENTIVE GENIUS, THOMAS ALVA EDISON, BY LENDING FULL SUPPORT TO ALL ACTIVITIES DRAMATIZING TO YOUTH THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF SCIENCE AND INVENTION AND THEIR VITAL ROLE IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL IN TODAY'S EXPANDING UNIVERSE.



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

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Rudy Perpich
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