



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Of the nearly two billion acres of public land our federal government has held title to during our nation's history, approximately 740 million acres remain in the public domain and

WHEREAS: These public lands encompass many of the most scenic and widely-used recreation areas in our nation; and

WHEREAS: A vast wealth of minerals, fossil fuels, timber, and grazing acreage is contained there and

WHEREAS: Many sections of our public lands provide essential habitat for the many species which comprise our country's rich wildlife heritage; and

WHEREAS: There is an urgent need to help the public understand and appreciate the value of these national lands so that well-balanced plans to manage this important natural resource can be formulated; and

WHEREAS: The period of March 20-26, 1983, has been set aside as a special time for focusing attention on the need to manage wisely and use properly these public lands for present and future generations of people and wildlife;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20 through March 26, 1983 as

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in Minnesota, and urge one and all to unite in support of activities that will encourage the wise use of our public lands and thus strongly affirm that "THIS IS YOUR LAND; Public Lands Belong To All Of Us."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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