



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has been blessed with more than 10,000 lakes and 93,000 miles of rivers and streams, providing almost unlimited opportunity for canoeing; and

WHEREAS: The canoe has played an important role in the State's history, serving the Indians, voyageurs and explorers, early settlers, and today's recreationists; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has more than 120,000 registered canoes -- more than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS: It is important to recognize and celebrate our canoeing heritage, our nearly unlimited opportunities for canoeing, and the important contributions that canoe manufacture, sale and use make to the economy of Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the State of Minnesota to be

CANOE CAPITOL

of these United States.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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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 second day of June in the year of our one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three of the State the one hundred twenty-fifth.

Rudy Perpich *Joan Anderson Howe*