

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: Sheep is man's oldest domesticated animal and sheep production was the first form of livestock production in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Sheep offer a greater opportunity to expand the availability of food and fiber than any domesticated animal; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota currently ranks second in the number of sheep producers in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota sheep producers have in 1982 registered an increase in the number of stock sheep, and have been in the forefront in establishing a state "Blueprint for Expansion" program; and

WHEREAS: Sheep may be used to halt soil erosion and rebuild and replenish the soil; and

WHEREAS: Sheep are unique to other livestock species in that they provide for both human nutritional and clothing needs with the production of lamb and wool from roughages grown on marginal land; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota citizens should be aware that their state is a leader in production of fine woolens and lamb meat consumed across the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 1983, to be

IAMB AND WOOL MONTH

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set