



## 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 non-profit 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; and
- WHEREAS: 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, I am pleased to designate February 11, 1984, as Edison Science and Engineering Day in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, urge the people of this state to do honor to the inspiring heritage of America's great inventive genius

THOMAS ALVA EDISON

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by leading 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 world.

*Rudy Perpich*  
*Joan Anderson*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifteenth day of December in the year 1983.

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