



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Water is an essential natural resource, necessary for the survival of all living things on the planet Earth; and

WHEREAS: Only 3% of all the water found on earth is freshwater; and

WHEREAS: There are many competing demands for this valuable resource including agriculture, domestic and municipal needs, manufacturing, navigation, electric power generation, recreation, and fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS: Our nation is using eighteen times more water than it did in 1900; and

WHEREAS: The increased demand for water and the contamination for surface and underground water by hazardous substances and other pollutants are depleting or despoiling many regional supplies; and

WHEREAS: We all share a responsibility to bring about the efficient use and effective management of our water resources; and

WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation has set aside the week of March 18 through March 24, 1984, as a time to become more aware of our nation's water problems - those concerning both the quality and quantity of this vital resource;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18 through March 24, 1984, to be

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

Joan Anderson Howe  
Secretary of State

in Minnesota.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to unite in support of every activity that will help to conserve and protect the quality of our water resources and thus strongly affirm the vital importance of water with the theme "WATER" - we can't live without it."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at the State Capitol, Minnesota, this 15th day of January, 1984.

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