



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Great Lakes contain 65 trillion gallons of water -- more than 20% of the world's and more than 95% of the United States' surface freshwater. They cover over 95,000 square miles of surface area and create a waterway 4,000 miles long. The Great Lakes provide an unlimited variety of economic and social benefits to the 40 million citizens who live in their basin and are one of the most attractive recreational centers in the world, a source of renewal to inhabitants of the region; and

WHEREAS: The Great Lakes states, including Minnesota and Canada, have dedicated considerable energy in a successful effort to cleanup the Lakes and restore their health over the past 15 years, demonstrating the concern of our people for this precious resource. The Great Lakes states and Canada must continue to mobilize resources and people to protect the Great Lakes from the new problems of possible large-scale diversions, hazardous substances, and consumptive uses; and

WHEREAS: More than 100 organizations representing several million citizens have joined in establishing Great Lakes United, a basin-wide international organization dedicated to the protection of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence area. Other regional organizations, such as the Council of Great Lakes Governors, are developing strategies to conserve and enhance the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes state and Canada must work in concert to protect this common resource;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of July 29 through August 4, 1984, to be

Great Lakes Week

in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesota citizens to join in efforts to ensure the wise use and proper management of this great natural resource to benefit present and future generations.

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 first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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