



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is noted worldwide for its wealth of wetlands, marshes, and wildlife refuges; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of acres of wetlands in Minnesota and throughout the United States have been purchased from revenues received through the sales of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamps; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has directly benefitted from the national refuge system and the wetlands complexes located throughout the United States purchased in whole or in part from duck stamp funds; and
- WHEREAS: The Nation is celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the enactment of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act on March 16, 1934, with the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp July 2, 1984, and the sale of the 51st duck stamp; and
- WHEREAS: 285 million dollars has been raised to preserve some 3.5 million acres of precious wetlands through America since the creation of the federal duck stamp in 1934; and
- WHEREAS: Duck stamps have become a collectors' item as a work of art and as a means of contributing to the Nation's refuge and wetlands system; and
- WHEREAS: This annual competition has been won eight times by a Minnesota wildlife artist, which is a record for this competition, and has done much to help create the multi-million dollar wildlife art market in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The federal duck stamp served as the model for Minnesota's own very successful wildlife habitat stamp program that has created millions of dollars for wildlife in Minnesota;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of July 1984, to be

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP MONTH

in Minnesota to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act and I urge all citizens to purchase federal duck stamps as collectors' items and gifts in order to add to the State and Nation's priceless wetland resources during this Anniversary year of 1984-1985 and from this time forward.

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 twenty-second 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
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FILED

JUN 22 1984

35290

Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

#35290
O.D.