



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation through its Raptor Information Center is dedicated to the encouragement of the maintenance of raptor (birds of prey) species diversity in North America through the promotion of effective raptor management; and
- WHEREAS: Eagles and other birds of prey are vital ecological components of the wildlife communities and ecosystems in which they live and are important environmental indicators of ecosystem quality; and
- WHEREAS: 40 of 53 (75%) species of birds of prey that occur regularly in the United States were listed by one or more state conservation agencies in 1982 as endangered, extirpated, threatened, or of concern; and
- WHEREAS: Public attitudes regarding birds of prey are changing to one of appreciation and understanding; and
- WHEREAS: Over a million American are birdwatchers who regularly observe eagles and other birds of prey every autumn at migration outlooks located on major raptor flyways from California to Maine and from Minnesota to Florida and Texas; and
- WHEREAS: The creation of a national observance of a week dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey would focus public attention on the value of birds of prey in wildlife communities and would stimulate support for raptor management and for the establishment of sanctuaries at important raptor migration lookouts; and
- WHEREAS: The States of Connecticut, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin have recognized the importance of birds of prey and so adopted proclamations in 1983 which declared the week of October 2 through October 8 in 1983 as "Hawk Watching Week";
- WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation will hold its annual meeting on March 15-18, 1984, in Atlanta, Georgia;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7 through October 13, 1984, to be

NATIONAL BIRDS OF PREY CONSERVATION WEEK

in Minnesota.

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

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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