



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sinclair Lewis, who was born and raised in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, was a great artist who portrayed a time and place in American life which have become permanent parts of the literary, historical and social heritage of this country and of the world; and

WHEREAS: February 7, 1985, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sinclair Lewis; and

WHEREAS: 1985 marks the 55th anniversary since Sinclair Lewis became the first American author to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, thus elevating American letters world status; and

WHEREAS: The publication of such novels as Main Street, Babbitt, Arrowsmith, Elmer Gantry and Dodsworth not only launched a new era in literature but gave Americans a new way to view themselves; and

WHEREAS: Sinclair Lewis forever maintained his Minnesota heritage, setting many of his novels in Minnesota, drawing on his Minnesota background for much of his work, and choosing his hometown of Sauk Centre, Minnesota (the setting of Main Street) as his final resting place; and

WHEREAS: It was the genius and artistic honesty of a son of our state which brought to American literature a permanent standard of excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the year of 1985 to be

SINCLAIR LEWIS/MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL YEAR

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 eighteenth day of December 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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