



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: May of 1986 marks the return of Halley's Comet and thus, by this celestial calander, marks the birth and death of one of America's greatest authors, Samuel L. Clemens, better known throughout the world as Mark Twain; and

WHEREAS: Mark Twain immortalized the beauty of the Mississippi River Valley Region which was and still is of vital importance to the development of our great state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Mark Twain championed the cause of human rights through the power of his pen and was the first native author to present the essence of the American spirit to the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the summer of 1986 to be

## Twain Fest '86

in Minnesota. It shall be a time for the study and understanding of the life and works of Mark Twain, a time for reflecting upon the American experience, and a time for renewed attention to, and appreciation of, the Minnesota Mississippi River Valley.

FURTHER, I invite all the river communities of the great state of Minnesota, large and small, to join in Twain Fest '86, each in their own way, by opening their doors in celebration, and inviting the world to discover the natural beauty and recreational enjoyment of our Mississippi River Valley.

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 twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

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