



Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1805-1806 Lieutenant Zebulon Pike explored the Mississippi River headwaters in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Pike's expedition built as its headquarters a fort on the west side of the Mississippi River near present day Little Falls, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Pike's exploration of Minnesota established the claim of the United States to the headwaters region of the Mississippi River, and Pike's Fort was the first military installation of the United States Army in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The site of Pike's Fort lay protected beneath the waters of the Mississippi River, the site will be briefly exposed for excavation and preservation of the archaeological record of this expedition and historic fort by the Institute for Minnesota Archaeology with the support of the State of Minnesota, and its business and industry; and

WHEREAS: This year is the 180th since Pike's expedition and its important consequences to Minnesota and the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 27, 1985, to be

PIKE'S FORT DAY

in Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Ardison Howe
Secretary of State

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

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Ardison Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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