



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Under the foresight and leadership of Richard J. Dorer and Edward Franey, president and secretary of the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League, Willis Kruger, George Meyer and Phillip Nordeen, employees of the Department of Conservation, and George Selke, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, the idea for a Memorial Hardwood Forest first became reality; and
- WHEREAS: The counties of Dakota, Goodhue, Wabasha, Winona, Houston, Fillmore and Olmstead helped create the Memorial Hardwood Forest by transferring tax-forfeited lands to the state for the forest; and
- WHEREAS: The Hiawatha Valley from Hastings down to the Iowa border, including the great beauty and scenic bluffs along the Mississippi River, has been enhanced by the creation of the Memorial Hardwood Forest; and
- WHEREAS: The landscape contained within the boundaries of the Memorial Hardwood Forest is both ecologically and geographically unique in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The establishment of the forest helped protect the wooded river valleys of streams such as the Root, the Whitewater, the Zumbro, the Cannon and the Vermillion, adding many outdoor recreation areas and facilities; and
- WHEREAS: The Memorial Hardwood Forest was dedicated to the state's pioneers and veterans of all wars; and
- WHEREAS: The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources authorized funding for land acquisition in the forest; and
- WHEREAS: The Legislature created the Memorial Hardwood Forest by enacting a law in 1961;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the fourth week of April to be

### RICHARD J. DORER MEMORIAL HARDWOOD FOREST WEEK

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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*Joan Anderson 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 twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

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