



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Through the leadership and foresight of General Christopher Columbus Andrews and the State Forestry Board, the 1911 Minnesota Legislature enacted laws establishing the Minnesota Forest Service, the forerunner of the Division of Forestry; and

WHEREAS: William T. Cox, a professional forester, was appointed the first state forester on May 2, 1911, and 17 districts were established and forest rangers hired on June 22, 1911; and

WHEREAS: The Division of Forestry has protected Minnesota's forested lands for 75 years through its fire control efforts; and

WHEREAS: The Division of Forestry has faithfully managed the forest resources under its jurisdiction for many decades, protecting timber, wildlife, and water resources for the benefit of Minnesota's citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Division of Forestry has provided diverse recreational opportunities for camping, picnicking, hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, skiing, and observing nature in its 56 state forests; and

WHEREAS: The Division of Forestry has provided technical assistance and encouragement to Minnesota's 120,000 forest landowners, thereby improving the management of these woodlands; and

WHEREAS: The Division of Forestry has provided leadership in the development of a multi-billion dollar forest industry that is the third largest in Minnesota and still growing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 22, 1986, to be the

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

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of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Joan Anderson Grove
Secretary of State

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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-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Rudy Perpich