



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** The Great Lakes contain 63 trillion gallons of water—more than 20% of the world's and more than 95% of the United States surface freshwater. They cover more than 95,000 square miles of surface area and create a waterway 4,000 miles long. The Great Lakes provide unlimited varieties of economic and social benefits to the 40 million citizens who live in their basins and are one of the most attractive recreational centers in the world.

**WHEREAS:** The Great Lakes states and Canada have dedicated considerable energies in a successful effort to cleanup the Lakes and restore their health over the past 15 years, demonstrating the concerns of our people for this precious resource. The Great Lakes states and Canada must continue to mobilize resources and people to protect the Great Lakes from the new problems of possible large scale diversions, hazardous substances and consumptive uses.

**WHEREAS:** The Minnesota Conservation Federation along with more than 100 other organizations have joined together in a basin-wide effort dedicated to the protection of Lake Superior and all the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence area. The Great Lakes states and Canada must work together in concert to protect this common resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the last week of July to be

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in Minnesota and urge all citizens to join in efforts to ensure the wise use and management of this great natural resource to benefit present and future generations.

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-third 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*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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