



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Merle Evans is known internationally as "America's Toscanini of the Big Top" because of his 50 years of never having missed a performance as director of Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows Circus Band from 1919 to 1969; and

WHEREAS: The editor of "Etude" music magazine referred to him as "Will Rogers with a horn;" and

WHEREAS: Merle is coming to the great State of Minnesota for the third time since 1974 to direct the Chatfield Brass Band of Chatfield, Minnesota, on Thursday, April 23, at the Apache Mall in Rochester, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: More than 159,000,000 children of all ages have been overwhelmed and overjoyed by this thrilling, exciting, and fast-moving circus band music; and

WHEREAS: Merle Evans has recognized the historical significance of preserving America's musical heritage by serving on the international board of advisors to the Chatfield Brass Band Free Music Lending Library located at Chatfield, Minnesota--the only free music lending library in the world today; and

WHEREAS: Merle is a constant inspiration to musicians of all ages because of his willingness to share his musical talents by continuing to perform guest performances all over this nation; and

WHEREAS: Merle will be conducting the first concert of the 9th annual conference of the Association of Concert Bands in Minnesota, the first time this organization has ever met in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 23 to be

MERLE EVANS DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean 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 seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-eighth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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