



## Proclamation

1. "Woodrow "Woody" Charles Herman, was born May 16, 1913, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and
2. His parents encouraged his early ambitions to go into show business and he was singing and tap dancing in Vaudeville at the age of six; and
3. After playing clarinet and saxophone with various bands, Woody Herman formed his first band in 1936, called "The Band that Plays the Blues;" and
4. In 1939, the band recorded "Woodchoppers Ball," which sold a million copies and has been their most requested number; and
5. In the 1940s, the Woody Herman Herd Band performed in movies, had its own radio show, and set attendance records in the ballrooms and theatres; and
6. Over 50 years, Woody Herman kept a Big Band afloat by being receptive to moderate change and adopting new arrangements. His bands performed consistently and successfully because he expected his musicians to perform at their peak at all times; and
7. Benefiting immensely from being on his band circuit, Minnesotans have been enjoying the Woody Herman Band performances for many years;

WHEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 13 to

WOODY HERMAN DAY

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 seventh 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

*John Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*John Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

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