



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Great Lakes contain 63 trillion gallons of water—more than 20 percent of the world's and more than 95 percent 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; and

WHEREAS: The Great Lakes states and Canada have dedicated considerable energies in a successful effort to clean up 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; and

WHEREAS: As population growth furthers the need to utilize the Great Lakes' economic and natural resource potential, a heightened awareness of the environmental and aesthetic values of the waterway is necessary if the lakes are to be used carefully; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 20 through July 26 to be

G R E A T L A K E S W E E K

in Minnesota.

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 thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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