



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Owen J. Gromme was born over 91 years ago in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on July 6, 1896; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Gromme did not become an artist by profession until his retirement at age 70 from the Milwaukee Public Museum where he was curator of birds and mammals; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Gromme has been nationally recognized in his field since the 1940's when he began painting a series of 323 American birds for his book, Birds of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS: In 1945 he was selected to design the Federal Duck Stamp; and

WHEREAS: Owen Gromme is the first recipient of the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Master Wildlife Artist award, and in 1978 was selected as the Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year, and in 1983 was named Wildlife Artist of the Year by the National Wildlife Art Collectors Society; and

WHEREAS: Over 100 full-cover reproductions of his work are included in his latest book, The World of Owen Gromme; and

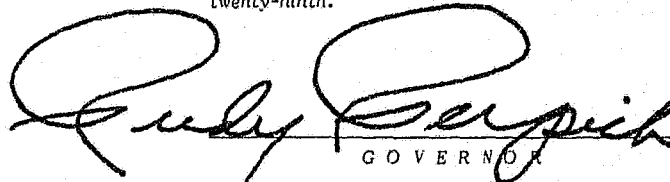
WHEREAS: When the names of wildlife masters--Fuertes, Wilson, Audubon--echo in the halls of art history, we will also proudly hear the name of Owen Gromme;

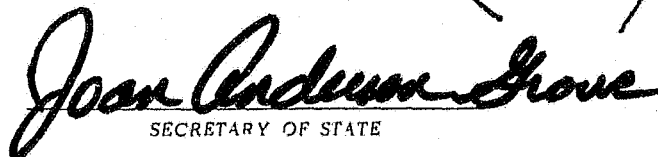
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 26 to be

OWEN J. GROMME DAY

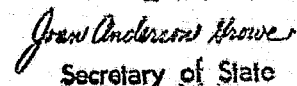
in Minnesota.

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


GOVERNOR


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