



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Forests cover about 737 million acres of the United States and are essential to the environmental quality of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of plant and animal species, including more than 100 threatened and endangered species, depend upon forest for their survival; and

WHEREAS: Forest provide invaluable functions and products including watershed protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, lumber, and paper products; and

WHEREAS: Human demands and pressures on the diverse forest resources have resulted in deforestation and alteration of forest quality and quantity; and

WHEREAS: Recent research suggests that acid rain and other forms of air and water pollution are negatively impacting forests; and

WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation has set aside the week of March 20th through March 26th, 1988, as a time to become more aware of forest resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20th through March 26th, 1988 to be

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in Minnesota, and urge one and all to unite in support of every activity that will improve our understanding of forests and the essential role they play in our lives and thus strongly affirm the vital importance of the 1988 theme "Forests Are More Than Trees."

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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 fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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