

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS: Agriculture is Minnesota's largest industry; forty percent of Minnesota's economy is based on agricultural products; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's agriculture and economy will benefit by the development and utilization of new non-food, non-fiber products produced from surplus agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS: Ethanol, made from agricultural commodities, is a clean, high-quality fuel; and

WHEREAS: Ethanol, being a renewable, home-grown and environmentally beneficial fuel, will serve various local and national agendas such as energy independence, national security and

pollution control; and

WHEREAS: United Power Association, in its attempt to support ethanol as a motor fuel, has agreed to put its company fleet on ethanol to help demonstrate the superior performance of ethanol-blended fuel for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS: United Power Association is recognized as an examplary company for other Minnesota business organizations, and a good neighbor of agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim United Power Association of Elk River to be a

TRUE FRIEND OF RURAL MINNESOTA

for its commitment to agriculture by participating in the Minnesota Ethanol Commission's Ethanol Fleet Vehicle Program and urge all Minnesota citizens, both rural and urban, to support the use of ethanol-blended fuel and to foster a better understanding of agriculture as one of the bounties and strengths of our nation.

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 twenty-ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

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