



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Walter John Breckenridge is an internationally recognized ornithologist; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Breckenridge was preeminently associated with the Minnesota Museum of Natural History, now the Bell Museum of Natural History, for over 44 years as preparator, associate curator, curator and director; and

WHEREAS: He is professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota, having contributed significantly to the study of ornithology and having taught tens of thousands of students over the years where he was affectionately known as "Breck"; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Breckenridge enjoys an international reputation as a wildlife artist whose work appears in *Birds of Minnesota*, *Birds of Colorado* and *Ornithology in Laboratory and Field*, among others; and

WHEREAS: His artistic endeavors have been recognized in numerous art exhibits including a one-man exhibit at the Bell Museum in 1974; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Breckenridge is the recipient of a number of awards for his work as educator, author and artist including the prestigious A.A. Allen Award in Ornithology presented to him by Cornell University in 1975; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Breckenridge is being honored this seventh day of May, 1988 by the American Museum of Wildlife Art in Frontenac, Minnesota by featuring four of his watercolors in an exhibition that recognizes thirty-five of the works of six artists commissioned illustrate the 1932, two-volume masterpiece by Thomas Sadler Roberts, *Birds of Minnesota*;

WHEREAS: Dr. Breckenridge, who having celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday in March, is the only surviving member of the the six;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the seventh day of May, 1988 to be

WALTER BRECKENRIDGE DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED

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in Minnesota.

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 third day of May 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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