



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Common Loon is Minnesota's State Bird; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has the largest summer population of loons in the conterminous United States; and

WHEREAS: Common Loons represent the flavor and magic of the rocks, water and forests of Minnesota's North Woods; and

WHEREAS: Common Loons are a valuable indicator species, a barometer of the health of our fifteen thousand lakes; and

WHEREAS: Loons are very vulnerable to the environmental changes of habitat loss, harassment and pollution; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota LoonWatch is dedicated to the conservation of Minnesota's loons and lakes through education, a volunteer network, and inter-agency cooperation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the second Saturday of July to be

### COMMON LOON APPRECIATION DAY

in Minnesota, in honor of the loon, voice of the north.

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 tenth day of June 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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