STATE OF MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Mel Ruehmann has pursued a lifetime of musical excellence in his teaching duties as well as other endeavors; and

WHEREAS: Mel has been an inspiration to the young people he taught and a good friend to all his students and fellow teachers; and

WHEREAS: Mel Ruehmann was a graduate of Winona High School in 1941, and received a B.S. degree from Winona State College in 1948 to launch him on his musical teaching career; and

WHEREAS: Mel took on the joys and responsibilities that came with his marriage to Eleanore Bittneron June 22, 1946; and

WHEREAS: Mel and Eleanore's five children and nine grandchildren, as well as their other relatives and friends wish to pay tribute to Mel; and

WHEREAS: Mel Ruehmann became a member of the Winona Minicipal Band when he was 12 years old and remained with the band until 1977; and

WHEREAS: Local communities and dancers derived pleasure from Mel's music during his association with dance bands for 40 years; and

WHEREAS: Mel has taught in the Mabel school system for 40 years; and

WHEREAS: He has received all A's in all the contests during that time; and

WHEREAS: Mel was the recipient of the Distinguished Conductor Award from Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America for his excellence in conducting the Mabel High School Band; and

WHEREAS: Mel's favorite hobbies are fishing, computers, traveling and MORE FISHING, and he is interested in improving his most recent endeavors on the golf course;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 9, 1988 to be
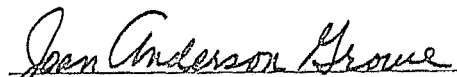
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in Minnesota, and wish him a happy and rewarding retirement from Mabel Public School.

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-eighth 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 Growe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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