



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is graced with abundant lake and wetland resources; and

WHEREAS: The non-native plant purple loosestrife is invading Minnesota's wetlands and lakeshores, displacing valuable native vegetation and degrading wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS: Purple loosestrife threatens to cause economic loss to the state by reducing hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities and reducing harvest of wild rice; and

WHEREAS: Purple loosestrife has diminished the natural heritage of significant historical sites in Minnesota such as Voyageur's National Park and Fort Snelling State Park; and

WHEREAS: Wet pastures and drainage ditches in the agricultural regions of Minnesota are becoming infested with purple loosestrife; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Agriculture has declared purple loosestrife one of the state's noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS: The Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources has approved and funded a Purple Loosestrife Program to curb the spread of purple loosestrife in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Public awareness and cooperation is a key component of the statewide control efforts and Minnesotans should recognize the threats purple loosestrife pose to our resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 1988 to be

### PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE AWARENESS WEEK

in Minnesota.

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

*Rudy Perpich*  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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