



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: One of Minnesota's greatest natural resources is its over 90,000 miles of rivers and streams; and
- WHEREAS: These rivers and streams provide a large diversity of recreational opportunities and scenic beauty for Minnesota's citizens and visitors; and
- WHEREAS: It is a tragic fact that among all our resources, rivers and streams are the most abused, and many of the rivers in populated areas are littered with refuse and debris; and
- WHEREAS: The greater St. Cloud area was one of three Minnesota communities chosen as a Great River Cleanup site, where local civic groups, service clubs and community volunteers worked together to clean up area rivers; and
- WHEREAS: While the rivers in the St. Cloud area are surprisingly free of trash, considering their location near a major urban area, they provide for an excellent location for a river cleanup due to the low water and water clarity, and also due to the St. Cloud area residents' willingness to participate in this project; and
- WHEREAS: The St. Cloud area has a history of strong community support for volunteer projects, and has shown its enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation in participating in the Mayor's Challenge, a competition between cities and townships in the greater St. Cloud area to see which community could do the biggest river cleanup; and
- WHEREAS: Businesses in the St. Cloud community which have supported and generously contributed to this event are Bernick's Bottling Company, Coburn Stores and Viking Distributors; and
- WHEREAS: Communities in the St. Cloud area are model communities, where the quality of life in Minnesota is evident in the residents' volunteerism, civic pride and commitment to a better life, and it is hoped that through these communities' accomplishments in the river cleanup event, other communities will be encouraged to organize their own cleanups so that Minnesota can enjoy beautiful rivers again;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD

to be the winner of the Great River Cleanup Mayor's Challenge on August 20, 1988.

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*Joan Anderson Groome*  
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 twenty-sixth 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*  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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