



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Movies continue to be the most popular medium of entertainment, synthesizing the arts of writing and performance, visual design and music into a unique cultural form; and
- WHEREAS: *Rachel River* was written, produced and principally filmed in the state of Minnesota and has since been exhibited to critical acclaim at film festivals around the world, including the Toronto "Festival of Festivals," United States Film Festival (award for Best Cinematography and Special Jury Prize in Acting), Berlin International Film Festival, Troia Film Festival (Special Jury Award), Seattle International Film Festival, and the Carteghena Film Festival; and
- WHEREAS: *Rachel River* was selected because "it demonstrates the best of American independent filmmaking, because of the universal themes of the film, and because of its portrayal of a region of the country unfamiliar to Russian audiences," as one of thirty recent American motion pictures to be represented at the first festival of American Films ever held in the Soviet Union, and that with the support of the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, director Sandy Smolan and actress Pamela Reed were able to screen *Rachel River* for Russian audiences in Moscow and Leningrad; and
- WHEREAS: *Rachel River* is receiving its Midwest premiere at the historic State Theater, a landmark movie palace built in 1921 and slated to be fully restored and transformed into a premiere performance house for the region; and
- WHEREAS: On the occasion of this premiere, many of the artistic figures responsible for the creation of *Rachel River* have assembled here including writers Carol Bly and Judith Guest, director Sandy Smolan, producer Timothy Marx, and lead performers Pamela Reed, Craig T. Nelson and Zeljki Ivanek; and
- WHEREAS: This premiere is jointly sponsored by several arts groups including The Loft, Film in the Cities, Independent Feature Project, the Festival of the Book, Minnesota Motion Picture and Television Board, and Walker Art Center;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 16, 1988 to be

RACHEL RIVER DAY

In Minnesota,

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED

SEP 27 1988

Joan Anderson Grove

Secretary of State

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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 twelfth day of September 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 Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE