

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Among all of Minnesota's abundant natural resources, our rivers offer citizens and visitors the greatest diversity of recreational opportunity and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS: Our rivers provide whitewater runs for the canoeist, favorite fishing holes for the angler, tree-shaded trails for the hiker, wildlife sites for the hunter, and ever-changing habitat for the birdwatcher; and

WHEREAS: Many of our rivers are littered with refuse and debris - freezers, refrigerators, bicycles, chunks of concrete, bottles, tires, old cars, batteries, barrels, pesticide and paint cans; and

WHEREAS: These dump sites are not only unsightly and ruin our recreational enjoyment, but they are direct contributors to the contamination of our surface and groundwater resources;

WHEREAS: Volunteer organizations, ranging from the Boy Scouts to the Izaak Walton League to the Mississippi River Revival to the Watertown Citizens Committee, have recognized the problem and are working to clean up their rivers; and

WHEREAS: The Interagency Task Force of Minnesota's Clean Rivers Project, as a project of Celebrate Minnesota 1990, is encouraging and assisting volunteer groups across the State to adopt a local river or stream and become responsible for its clean-up; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 27-July 3rd, 1988, to be

MINNESOTA CLEAN RIVERS WEEK

in Minnesota, in full appreciation of the efforts of the volunteer groups and local and state agencies to clean up, protect and beautify Minnesota's rivers.

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

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