

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Jeff Finden co-founded Pheasants Forever, a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization, in response to the continuing decline of ringnecked pheasant populations; and

Mr. Finden became Pheasants Forever's first Executive Director in 1983 and is currently WHEREAS:

in that position; and

Under Mr. Finden's guidance, Pheasants Forever has been instrumental in getting key legislation passed in Minnesota, including the state pheasant stamp, "Delay Roadside Mowing" bill and Re-invest in Minnesota (RIM), which retired 30,000 acres of marginal farmland in Minnesota; and WHEREAS:

 ${\it Mr.}$ Finden was employed for 17 years at the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch—his last eight years as National Advertising Manager; and WHEREAS:

He was a founder of the Minnesota-based Fish & Wildlife Alliance (FWA) which was formed in 1985; and WHEREAS:

Mr. Finden was a founding member of the Reinvest-in-Minnesota (RIM) Coalation and has WHEREAS:

served on many state-wide committees, including The Governor's Citizen Commission on Hunting and Fishing, The Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Minnesota Action Committee and

The Minnesota Conservation Information and Education Task Force;

Mr. Finden lives in White Bear Lake with his wife, Kaye and two children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 31,

JEFF FINDEN DAY

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 twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightynine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

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