



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Judge Edwin P. Chapman was born in Perham, Minnesota on April 25, 1909, and completed his law degree with honors at the University of Minnesota in 1932; and
- WHEREAS: Edwin Chapman served the people of Cook County in Grand Maris as County Attorney, and learned to love the north country; and
- WHEREAS: He was the Second Chair of the Park Planning Committee, secretary to the Golden Valley Park Board, executive secretary of the Minnesota Council of State Parks, and he stood beside Governor Orville Freeman when he signed the bill to establish a Hennepin County park system on April 26, 1955, becoming a member of the first Board of Commissioners for the Hennepin County Park District in 1957; and
- WHEREAS: Edwin Chapman served with distinction during the period of rapid growth for the Hennepin County Park Reserve District from 1957 to 1961 when Governor Elmer L. Anderson appointed him as Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Minneapolis; and
- WHEREAS: Judge Edwin P. Chapman served as President of the Minnesota Municipal Judges Association, Governor of the North American Judges Association, Delegate to the National Conference on the Judiciary, and was the Senior Hennepin County Municipal Judge; and
- WHEREAS: His desire to see all people have access to park lands led him to become Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, and his love of the wilderness led Judge Edwin P. Chapman to become the First President of the Voyageurs National Park Association; and
- WHEREAS: He, together with Walter Mondale and John Blatnik were responsible for the bill passed by the United States Congress and signed by President Richard M. Nixon to establish the Voyageurs National Park; and
- WHEREAS: Judge Edwin P. Chapman has the same vision and dedication of Theodore Wirth, and will be remembered with deepest gratitude by generations of those who love the outdoors and the gift of our County and National Parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 1989 to be

JUDGE EDWIN P. CHAPMAN DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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JUN 29 1989

Joan Anderson Howe
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 seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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