

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Earl E. Bakken, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has epitomized the American entrepreneurial spirit by founding Medtronic as a small 2-person hospital equipment repair business in 1949, and building it into a Fortune 500 company with a mission to alleviate pain, restore health and extend life; and

WHEREAS: Earl Bakken developed the first wearable, external, battery-powered pacemaker in 1958, creating an industry that today restores the health of millions worldwide; and

WHEREAS: The National Society of Professional Engineers has honored the cardiac pacemaker as one of the ten most outstanding engineering achievements in the last fifty years; and

WHEREAS: Medtronic has been the world leader in cardiac pacemaker systems for more than a quarter of a century; and

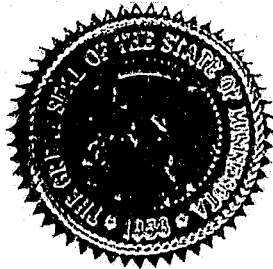
WHEREAS: Earl Bakken has played a major role in developing the health care industry in Minnesota, which currently employs more than 40,000 Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Earl Bakken has pioneered the development of fruitful relationships between the University of Minnesota and biomedical businesses in Minnesota, and has been recognized with the Earl Bakken Chair in Biomedical Engineering at the University; and

WHEREAS: He has founded in Minneapolis the Bakken Library and Museum of Electricity in Life, an internationally recognized learning center to further understanding of the history and applications of electromagnetism in the life sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the benefits upon mankind that have been bestowed by Earl E. Bakken, and gratefully acknowledge his contributions in biomedical technology to Minnesota and throughout the world.

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 sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.



Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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