



## Proclamation

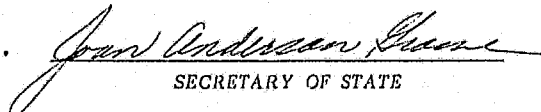
- WHEREAS:** Since the early expeditions of the Spanish into the "New World" and later throughout the settlement of this continent, wild horses and burros have played a major part in the history of the West. Mustangs were used by the Indian and the new settlers alike to help tame the rough land in which they lived. Burros were used by prospectors and settlers to carry the products of civilization into the West; and
- WHEREAS:** At one time in the history of America, it was estimated that as many as nine million wild mustangs may have roamed from Texas to the Dakotas and west to the coast. Recent evidence may also indicate herds of wild horses east of the Mississippi prior to much of the Spanish exploration; and
- WHEREAS:** In the 1960's and '70, the wild equine populations dwindled to an estimated low of 17,000 head, found mostly in 10 western states. Led by Velma "Wild Horse Annie" Johnston, concerned Americans, including school children, fought for protection for the remaining herds. In 1971, the Wild and Free-Roaming Horse Act was passed which delegated protection and management of the animals to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; and
- WHEREAS:** Since that time, a number of programs have been established to place excess horses and burros removed from their home ranges in the care of private citizens. Many of the animals have been adopted in Minnesota and have been successfully trained to be family pets as well as valued riding and working stock; and
- WHEREAS:** In recognition of the historical value of these animals and their present usefulness, the American Mustang and Burro Association is sponsoring the first National Wild Horse and Burro Week, June 10-18, 1989. The Minnesota Chapter joins with others across the nation, as well as with adoption program agencies and other humane and wild equine organizations, to increase public awareness of America's Living Legends and to promote the adoption of these animals in Minnesota:

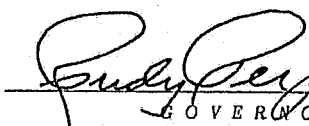
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 10-18, 1989 to be

### WILD HORSE AND BURRO WEEK

in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to participate in the activities and public awareness events associated with this week.


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

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
GOVERNOR

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