



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Wetlands in Minnesota and throughout the nation have been destroyed at a distressing rate, contributing to a decline in waterfowl numbers that are at an all-time low; and

WHEREAS: Wetlands provide benefits to all Minnesotans by reducing flooding, purifying and recharging groundwater, providing vital habitat for fish and wildlife, and sites for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have worked together to create the state's largest single wetland under the Wetland Mitigation Banking program; and

WHEREAS: The Rice Lake Restoration Project embodies Minnesota's commitment to conservation through multi-agency cooperation;

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

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

be commended for its role in this and other wetland restorations that benefit the citizens of Minnesota for both this and future generations.

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 twelfth day of September 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

*Jean Anderson Browne*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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