

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Seventy-five years ago, in Duluth, Minnesota, Hedstrom Lumber Company was opened by

Andrew Hedstrom, who had immigrated to America from Sweden in 1891; and

In the early days of the sawmill operation, Andrew and his wife Alma, relied on their sons Lawrence, Roy, Carl, Andy, Herb, Phil, Art and wes to help with mill operation; Lawrence and Roy started driving horse to the mill at age 13, and on their daughters, Frances, Mildred, Lucille and Helen to prepare and serve lunch and supper for the WHEREAS:

mill's work crew; and

Today this company is one of Minnesota's leading sawmills, with yearly production of 16,000,000 square feet and nearly total mechanization; and WHEREAS:

Hedstrom Lumber Company has been through many transitions and challenges since its beginnings in 1914, including three major fires, each forcing the company to completely rebuild, new equipment and methods, new technology, and new management and employees; WHEREAS:

Located in Grand Marais, Minnesota since 1947, it is Cook County's largest employer in the private sector, providing year-round income for 10% of the county's families, and indirect earnings for another 8%; and WHEREAS:

Hedstrom Lumber produces aspen, birch, and white pine products, and utilizes all parts of logs, including bark and sawdust for heating fuel; and WHEREAS:

Roy, Carl, Andy, Herb, Phil and Wes Hedstrom have been involved in the company's WHEREAS:

operation, with Wes currently serving as President, and third generation Hedstroms are now a part of the Hedstrom staff, which includes many hard working and dedicated men and women who have helped make Hedstrom the successful business that it is today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 13-19, 1989 to be

HEDSTROM LUMBER COMPANY WEEK

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 sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eightynine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILED

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