



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Natural Heritage Program was established by the State of Minnesota in 1979, as an innovative tool for identifying Minnesota's truly unique natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Natural Heritage Program was formed and funded through a joint public-private partnership involving The Nature Conservancy and the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Natural Heritage Program has established a database of rare features consisting of 10,000 entries which are regularly used to guide public and private land purchases for endangered species protection, implement innovative land conservation programs, conduct environmental review to provide early notification of the occurrence of biologically sensitive resources, and to promote public awareness and focus ecological research projects on Minnesota's most endangered species and ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Natural Heritage Program has recognized the urgency to take stock of Minnesota's unique natural resources to preserve Minnesota's remaining natural biological diversity and endangered natural resources; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Natural Heritage Program, in cooperation with the Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas Program and Nongame Wildlife Program, is implementing a strategy to maintain our state's most endangered natural resources through identification, protection, stewardship and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that the citizens of the State of Minnesota recognize the tremendous accomplishments of the Natural Heritage Program in establishing a firm foundation for the conservation of Minnesota's endangered natural resources and recognize the continuing commitment necessary to insure that Minnesota acts to protect the best elements of our natural heritage before they are lost forever.

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-sixth 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.

Jean Anderson Hroue
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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