



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota established the Department of Botany under the direction of Professor Conway MacMillan in 1889; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Botany appointed the first woman scientist at the University, Miss Josephine E. Tilden, in 1895; and

WHEREAS: Botany faculty member Dr. George Oswald Burr and his wife, M.M. Burr, discovered the "essential fatty acids" in animal nutrition in 1928; and

WHEREAS: The University Herbarium has served as the repository of plant history and diversity for all the citizens and institutions of the state; and

WHEREAS: The Department has provided leadership and guidance in the creation of comprehensive, effective, and responsive programs in natural resource development and conservation; and

WHEREAS: In 1988 the Department of Botany changed its name to the Department of Plant Biology and became jointly administered by the Colleges of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, bringing about a new era of scientific discovery and cooperation in the study of the plant sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the 25th day of October to be

PLANT BIOLOGY DAY

in Minnesota in honor of the 100th anniversary of the University of Minnesota's Department of Botany/Plant Biology.

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

Jean Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State

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