



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition team of Will Steger (United States), Dr. Jean-Louis Etienne (France), Dr. Victor Boyarsky (USSR), Geoff Somers (Great Britain), Keizo Funatsu (Japan), and Qin Dahe (People's Republic of China) exhibited remarkable courage, fortitude and perseverance in the face of extreme conditions to successfully complete the first ever west to east traverse of Antarctica using only skis and sled dogs for nearly 4,000 miles; and
- WHEREAS: The 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition has drawn world attention to the Antarctic Treaty and the need for nations to continue to work together to protect this fragile environment and that of the globe for future generations; and
- WHEREAS: The 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition has served as a learning tool for teachers and ignited the interest of school children around the world to study the last great wilderness of the continent of Antarctica; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota served as home-base for the raising and training of the sled dogs used to lead the team across Antarctica and for the administration of the expedition; and
- WHEREAS: The 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition representing six nations has effectively demonstrated to the world the power of international cooperation for the benefit of humankind;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 24, 1990 to be

### INTERNATIONAL TRANS-ANTARCTICA DAY

Minnesota to honor the heroic achievements of the 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Jean Anderson Grove*  
Secretary of State

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 eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Grove*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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