

MINNESOTA WILDLIFE WEEK - 1938

BY THE GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS one of the most important phases of the conservation of our natural resources is the protection and preservation of our wildlife; and

WHEREAS this is a work in which virtually our entire citizenship can participate wholeheartedly and enthusiastically, whether resident in the large metropolitan centers, with limited access to the great outdoors, or permitted to enjoy at first hand the wonders of nature; and


WHEREAS the carrying into effect of any program for the conservation of our hereditary wildlife -- in the past seriously diminished and depleted by destructive exploitation and lack of proper understanding and sympathy -- must enlist the support of all of our citizens if the mistakes of the past are to be avoided in the future in dealing with these important resources of incalculable social, economic, esthetic and recreational value; and

WHEREAS the Minnesota Department of Conservation is cooperating with the National Wildlife Preservation Week in promoting a predator control contest for Minnesota in order to increase interest and focus public attention on the value of conserving our beneficial forms of wildlife:


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ELMER A BENSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim and designate the week beginning March 20, 1938, as Minnesota Wildlife Preservation Week, in cooperation with National Wildlife Week, and do earnestly appeal to all of our citizens first to recognize the importance of the problem of conservation of these assets in wildlife, and then to work with one accord for their proper protection and preservation. To this end I call upon all citizens in every community to give thought during this period to the needs of the denizens of field, forest, and water and intelligent consideration of the best means for translating good intentions into practical action in behalf of these invaluable but inarticulate friends. Only through full cooperation of all can wildlife be restored for the present generation and perpetuated for posterity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed.

Done at the city of St. Paul this 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.


ELMER A. BENSON
GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

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Secretary of State

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