



Proclamation

WHEREAS: the outstanding contributions of America's hunters and fishermen to conservation, recreation and the economy, are deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS: since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the founding of state fish and game departments in all 50 states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. In the last 50 years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs; and

WHEREAS: hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result being more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were 50 years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game, fish and wildlife through habitat development; and

WHEREAS: hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS: through their publications and organizations -- such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others -- hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 28, 1974 as

MINNESOTA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

and urge that this day be an annual observance the fourth Saturday of each September. I urge all of our citizens to join with sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, I urge all citizens to take part in National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 28 to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

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 the twenty-ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
 GOVERNOR

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