



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Joe Larson has been a farmer for over 42 years; he and his wife Blanch and their son Jerry own and operate a 1,000 acre dryland wheat, barley, and potato farm in the Red River Valley near Climax, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Joe has served as a township clerk, a local Farmers Union president, been active in the Red River Valley Potato Growers, the Climax Community Club, the Climax Development Association and has been a member of the Farmers Union Central Exchange (CENEX) since 1960; and

WHEREAS: He served as First Vice-Chairman of the CENEX board from 1968-1976, when he was elected Chairman of the board, a position in which he served for ten years; and

WHEREAS: During his years with CENEX, Joe proved his ability as a leader; his dedication to the farmers of America; and his deep care and concern for others; and

WHEREAS: During the period which Joe was serving as the CENEX board chair, no other regional cooperative was more innovative, saw more consistent growth, or had a better financial record than CENEX, which has consistently been on the list of Fortune magazine's top 500 U.S. corporations, and is one of the nation's leading regional cooperatives; and

WHEREAS: Joe was selected as the recipient of the 1990 National Farmers Union "Meritorious Service to Farmers Union and American Agriculture" award;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 16, 1990 to be

JOE LARSON DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
in Minnesota DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED

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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 fifteenth 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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