



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Delta Queen Steamboat Company, America's last overnight steamer line and the oldest U.S. flag line, is celebrating a century of romance with the river and the bygone steamboat era; and
- WHEREAS: The company's Steamboat DELTA QUEEN is the only authentic, fully restored paddle wheeler still following traditional steamboat routes along the Mississippi, Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers and, as such, is recognized by her designation as a National Historic Landmark; and
- WHEREAS: The company's Steamboat MISSISSIPPI QUEEN, the largest and most luxurious steamboat in history, still travels the 1,840 river miles from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to New Orleans, Louisiana, as well as 1,700 river miles from New Orleans to St. Paul, Minnesota, calling at the great American cities and friendly towns in between; and
- WHEREAS: The DELTA QUEEN and MISSISSIPPI QUEEN are the last two authentic paddle wheel steamboats to still ply the waters of the nation's inland rivers and are true heirs of the 11,000 steamboats that once traveled these rivers, carrying the people and supplies that settled the American continent; and
- WHEREAS: The MISSISSIPPI QUEEN and DELTA QUEEN are the 28th and 29th steamboats owned and operated by the company since it was founded by the Greene Family in 1890; and
- WHEREAS: The Delta Queen Steamboat Company has provided thousands of passengers each year with the opportunity to relive the uniquely American experience known as Steamboatin' so eloquently romanticized by Mark Twain; and
- WHEREAS: The two steamboats of the Delta Queen Steamboat Co. bind the 15 American states of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, much as the proud riverboats of an earlier time bound an unsettled wilderness into a nation;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 20, 1990 to be

### STEAMBOAT DAY

in Minnesota, in honor of the Centennial of Delta Queen Steamboat Co., and that the citizens of our state take pleasure and pride in saluting the legacy and achievements of all river steamers.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Jean Anderson Stowe*  
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 fourth day of April 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 Stowe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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