



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's own and most famous pioneering wildlife painter Les Kouba was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, on February 3, 1917, and would have turned 100 years old this year; and

WHEREAS: Les Kouba was a talented creator of iconic branded logos such as, Coca Cola, Red Owl, and Old Dutch Potato Chips, and was an expert illustrator and successful business entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS: Les Kouba was a dedicated conservationist, generous benefactor to many wildlife federations and charities, profoundly mentored several younger artists and wanted his legacy to inspire the next generation of wildlife enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS: Les Kouba lived his life with a twinkle in his eyes while calling his closest friends "dudes," leading him to title his final painting "So Long Dudes," completed on the very day he died, September 13, 1998; and

WHEREAS: November is a key time for hunting, harvesting, and thanksgiving- all of which Les Kouba was passionate about.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2017, as:

LES KOUBA MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



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 20th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE