



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Wilderness Act, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on September 3, 1964, makes it the policy of the United States to ensure that lands are preserved and protected in their natural condition, even as population and settlement grows; and
- WHEREAS: Since the Wilderness Act was signed in 1964, over 106 million acres of land have been designated wilderness areas throughout the United States, including over one million acres in the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Wilderness Act created America's National Wilderness Preservation System, and ensures that federal lands will be utilized and enjoyed by many future generations in their natural condition; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, some of our most ecologically-important and iconic places are protected as wilderness areas, including the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area — the most visited wilderness area in America and one of the National Geographic Society's Top 50 places in the world to see in one's lifetime; and
- WHEREAS: Wilderness areas protect and sustain opportunities for innumerable recreation activities, and provide sustainable economic benefits for surrounding communities and the northern Minnesota region; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout this anniversary year, Minnesotans will celebrate wilderness areas across the state, through conferences, presentations, canoe trips, art shows, photo and craft beer contests, and lectures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 4, 2014, as:

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

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 27th day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE