

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Wyland, one of the world's leading marine life artists, has established the Wyland Foundation and entrusted it to develop Wyland's Ocean Challenge of America; and
- WHEREAS: Wyland's Ocean Challenge of America has been created to inspire young people to learn about marine life and to encourage them to take an interest in saving our ocean environments for all of the creatures who rely on them; and
- WHEREAS: Wyland's Ocean Challenge of America will reach 67 million students in 120,000 public and private schools across the United States; and
- WHEREAS: These students, ranging from kindergartners to college seniors, are invited to participate in ocean conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS: The Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi A. Annan, and Vice President Al Gore have both commended the Wyland Foundation for its effort to educate young people about marine life and to promote of environmental awareness; and
- WHEREAS: Wyland's Ocean Challenge of America is working to bridge the world of science and art; and
- WHEREAS: The World Federation of United Nations Association has selected Wyland as the official environmental marine life artist for 1998, the International Year of the Ocean; and
- WHEREAS: Wyland's painting titled "Embraced by the Sea" is being issued as an official United Nations Stamp Issue, commemorating the International Year of the Ocean;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 18, 1998 to be

Wyland's Ocean Challenge of America Day

in 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 eighteenth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

Jean A. Grone
SECRETARY OF STATE



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