

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: On January 3, 1984, James L. Ecker began his career with Bestfoods Baking Company as District Sales Manager; and
- WHEREAS: James L. Ecker was promoted to Area Sales Manager on July 7, 1986; promoted to Account Executive on October 1, 1991; has been known affectionately as "Honorary Governor" by key management since 1992; and retired on March 31, 1998; and
- WHEREAS: James L. Ecker was honored with the *Sales Manager of the Year Award* in 1990; is considered to be a highly respected contributor by his retail grocery customers; has demonstrated a strong sense of values in and a deep commitment to his business relationships; and has advanced his company's business by consistently making extraordinary sales accomplishments seem commonplace; and
- WHEREAS: James L. Ecker is an esteemed husband, father, and grandfather who approaches his family with an even stronger sense of values than he brought to Bestfoods Baking Company, and has represented Minnesota well in all his business and personal relationships; and
- WHEREAS: James L. Ecker's accomplishments, efforts, dedication, and self sacrifice are to be applauded and emulated;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 19, 1998 to be

James L. Ecker Day

in Minnesota.



Joan A. Grone
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 nineteenth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

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