



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Federal Duck Stamp Program has made a major impact on the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is part of North America's Prairie Pothole Region which supports more than fifty percent of this continent's entire breeding duck population; and
- WHEREAS: Eighty-five percent of the wildlife habitat the Service manages in the State of Minnesota has been acquired entirely using Federal Duck Stamp revenues; and
- WHEREAS: The 805 Waterfowl Production Areas in the State of Minnesota, comprising 168,000 acres of vital breeding, staging and migration duck habitat, have been acquired entirely with Federal Duck Stamp dollars; and
- WHEREAS: Four of Minnesota's eleven National Wildlife Refuges, encompassing 74,000 of the total 208,000 acres of refuge lands in the State, have been acquired using Duck Stamp revenues; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesotans have been leading contributors to the Federal Duck Stamp Program, purchasing an average of ten percent of all Duck Stamps sold each year; and
- WHEREAS: Thirteen of the sixty Federal Duck Stamp artists have been Minnesotans, three of whom have won the Federal Duck Stamp Contest more than once; and
- WHEREAS: The 1997-1998 Federal Duck Stamp was designed by Minnesota's Robert Hautman with his magnificent image of a single Canada goose in wetland habitat;

NOW, THEREFORE I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 19, 1997 to be

Robert Hautman's Federal Duck Stamp Day

in Minnesota.



Joan A. Grome
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 July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven, and of the State the one hundred thirty-ninth.

Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR



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