



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 21, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed into law the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act of 1978, Public Law 95-495, which expanded and added important protective measures for Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness; and

WHEREAS: The Boundary Waters is part of the Superior National Forest, established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1909, and twenty percent of all the fresh water in the 190-million acre U.S. National Forest System is in the three-million acre Superior National Forest. The healthy forests, abundant fish and wildlife, and pristine waters of the Boundary Waters region are priceless assets that attract hundreds of thousands of visitors every year; and

WHEREAS: The Boundary Waters is the most popular, accessible, and family-friendly Wilderness Area in the United States, with more visitors each year than any other Wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation System; and

WHEREAS: The Boundary Waters consists of 1.1 million acres of glorious lakes, streams, forests, and wetlands, and is the largest Wilderness east of the Rocky Mountains and north of the Everglades; and

WHEREAS: Outdoor publications frequently cite the Boundary Waters among the best areas in the world for wilderness travel; and

WHEREAS: The Boundary Waters region is a key component of the economy of Northeastern Minnesota, and continually attracts new residents and visitors. According to recent figures from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, tourism alone accounts for more than 17,000 jobs and gross annual sales of more than \$900 million; and

WHEREAS: The Boundary Waters is the premier Wilderness for people in the heart of America, with its unspoiled landscape and pure waters. Many State and Federal leaders have recognized the uniqueness and fragility of the Boundary Waters, as well as the critical need to exercise special care to protect the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 21, 2018 as:

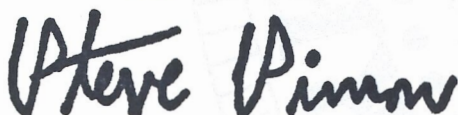
BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS DAY

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 4th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE