

# *The State of Wisconsin*

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has a great history of leadership in conservation, much of which has to do with the contributions of Aldo Leopold, a Wisconsin icon widely considered to be the father of wildlife ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, Aldo Leopold, an internationally respected scientist and conservationist, was instrumental in formulating policy, promoting wilderness, and building ecological foundations for two Twentieth Century professions – forestry and wildlife ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, Aldo Leopold helped lead the way for conservation projects all across the State of Wisconsin, including the UW-Madison Arboretum, the Coon Valley Watershed Project, and other various wildlife projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Aldo Leopold held positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as chairman of a Department of Game Management in the Department of Agricultural Economics and as chairman of the new Department of Wildlife Management during his tenure from 1933-1948, and in 1943, was appointed to a 6 year term as a member of the Wisconsin Conservation Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, Aldo Leopold is perhaps best known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac*, a volume of nature sketches and philosophical essays recognized as one of the enduring expressions of an ecological attitude toward people and the land; and

**WHEREAS**, Aldo Leopold's legacy is perpetuated in Wisconsin by the Aldo Leopold Foundation which maintains the Leopold Shack, a rickety chicken coop in the Baraboo, Wisconsin area which was the family's "refuge from too much modernity" made famous in Aldo Leopold's literature and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and


**WHEREAS**, March 4, 1948 marks the last contribution Aldo Leopold made to *A Sand County Almanac* before his unfortunate death and because of its proximity to the first weekend in March,

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Governor Jim Doyle do hereby proclaim the establishment of

### **ALDO LEOPOLD WEEKEND**

To be celebrated annually on the first full weekend in March as a way to pay tribute to the work and legacy of Aldo Leopold.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this second day of March in the year two thousand four.



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JIM DOYLE