



- TODAY I AM APPOINTING CHAMPLIN CHIEF OF POLICE AL GARBER AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.
- ALLEN IS A PROVEN LEADER WHO HAS SEEN IT ALL—VIETNAM, THE FBI, CHAMPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- WHILE WITH THE FBI, MR. GARBER SUPERVISED THE JACOB WETTERLING INVESTIGATION, WHICH INCLUDED 70 INVESTIGATORS FROM VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
- SERVED IN THE FBI FOR 26 YEARS, INCLUDING THE LAST 13 IN MINNEAPOLIS.
- HE HAS WON MANY COMMENDATIONS FROM THE FBI, AND THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- AND HAS SERVED EXCEPTIONALLY AS THE CHAMPLIN CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
- IN ADDITION, AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, CHIEF GARBER HAS A MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE I AM GIVING AL A VERY TOUGH ASSIGNMENT. AND I THINK HIS BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION WILL COMBINE TO ALLOW HIM TO LEAD THE DNR INTO THE FUTURE.
- DNR HAS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF HUNTING AND FISHING LAWS. IT IS A BIG JOB AND TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK.  
I BELIEVE AL GARBER UNDERSTANDS THAT AND THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DNR WILL ENJOY AND RESPECT HIS FIRM BUT FAIR APPROACH.
- FINALLY, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT AL DOES NOT HUNT OR FISH. AND THAT I BELIEVE THIS FACT WILL BE A GREAT ADVANTAGE TO HIM AS HE AND HIS STAFF TRY TO BRING CONCENSUS TO COMPETING INTERESTS ON DNR ISSUES.
- LET ME INTRODUCE AL GARBER.