

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Bill of Rights Day"

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WHEREAS, in the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, protection of those "inalienable rights", asserted so eloquently in the Declaration of Independence, was written into the fundamental law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, this document, guaranteeing such precious liberties as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press and freedom to peacefully assemble, was ratified and became a part of the Federal Constitution on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all American citizens should appropriately observe this anniversary of the document which is one of the most cherished parts of our heritage as citizens of a free nation; and

WHEREAS, on previous occasions the Congress of the United States, by joint resolution, has called attention to the anniversary and several Presidents of the nation have issued proclamations, designating December 15 as "Bill of Rights Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARTHUR W. JOHNSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 15, 1943, as

"BILL OF RIGHTS DAY"

and call upon all citizens to join in observance of the day by public discussion and consideration of the precious rights we enjoy through the Bill of Rights to our Federal Constitution.

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 in Saint Paul this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three and of the state, the ninety-first.

ATTEST:

Mike Solon
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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