

- WHEREAS: Halsey Hall began a distinguished career in sportscasting on July 4, 1923, when he stood on the second floor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press building and relayed, via hand-held megaphone, the round-by-round blow-by-blow results of the Jack Dempsey-Tommy Gibbons heavyweight championship fight held in Shelby, Montana; and
- WHEREAS: in the intervening half century millions of sports fans throughout Minnesota, the Upper Midwest and the nation have thrilled to Halsey Hall's vivid and colorful descriptions of thousands of sporting events, both on the air and in print; and
- WHEREAS: in his coverage of the old Minneapolis Millers and the St. Paul Saints sports teams, the Minnesota Twins and Vikings, the University of Minnesota football, baseball, basketball and hockey Gophers, and of every imaginable sports activity, has made "Holy Cow" synonymous with climactic athletic feats on the field of play; and
- WHEREAS: Halsey Hall has answered more sports questions than anyone in the nation, relying upon an encyclopedic memory of sports history that is truly legendary; and
- WHEREAS: the richness of the Halsey Hall wit and humor has made him one of the most popular toastmasters and speakers of our time; and
- WHEREAS: in his long career Halsey Hall has earned such distinguished honors as President of the American Association of Baseball Writers and "Outstanding Master of Ceremonies," from the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists; and frequently received the "Best Sports Story of the Year" award from the old New York Herald Tribune; and
- WHEREAS: from that day in 1909 when his father, Smith Hall, a giant in early Twin Cities journalism, induced young Halsey to witness his first Minneapolis Millers game through the persuasive device of a spanking, Halsey Hall has warmed and enriched the lives of generations of listeners and readers; and
- WHEREAS: Halsey Hall, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, ranks as one of Minnesota's truly great "natural resources;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, May 23, 1973 as

HALSEY HALL DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all Minnesotans to join with me in honoring Halsey Hall and in expressing the hope that this unique man and his wife, Sula, will be with us for many years to come.

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 twenty-third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Arlen J. Erdall
 SECRETARY OF STATE

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