



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Mary McLeod, who died in 1955, left our Nation one of its richest legacies as part of her Last Will and Testament: "I leave you love...hope...the challenge of developing confidence in one another...a respect for the use of power...faith... racial dignity...a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man...a responsibility to our young people; and

WHEREAS: Mary McLeod Bethune was a distinguished educator, humanitarian and churchwoman; and

WHEREAS: Mary McLeod Bethune was the fifteenth of seventeen children born of freed slaves in Mayesville, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS: Mary McLeod Bethune grew up to be an advisor to four Presidents of the United States and Founder of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS: Mary McLeod Bethune was Director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS: she was founder of the National Council of Negro Women which spearheaded the drive for the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial, authorized by the 86th through the 92nd Congress and the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS: the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial is the first to a black American or a woman to be erected in a public park in our nation's capital; and

WHEREAS: the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial will be dedicated in Lincoln Park, Washington, D. C. on Wednesday, July 10, 1974;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 10, 1974 to be

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Allen J. Edsall  
Secretary of State

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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 eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

Allen J. Edsall

Wendell R. Anderson  
GOVERNOR