



Proclamation

WHEREAS: the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known to us as the Bill of Rights, were formally adopted on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS: these amendments laid the foundation for a society of free men under the law; and

WHEREAS: December 15 serves to remind us that in the year 1776, George Mason of Gunston Hall, Virginia, a dedicated and patriotic scholar, drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which served as a model for our Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS: George Mason, often called the "grandfather" of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, was also an early and effective champion of civil rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, December 15, 1974 to be

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

in Minnesota, an annual observance sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Dames.

FURTHERMORE, it is a good day to think about what the Bill of Rights means to us, and a good day to acknowledge the debt we owe George Mason.

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

Wendell R. Anderson

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