



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: there are many persons who have been a part of history-making of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: during this BICENTENNIAL celebration it is fitting and proper to give special recognition to those who have made great contributions to our society; and

WHEREAS: Richard Allen was the Founder and first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Philadelphia in 1787 as a protest movement against racial discrimination and injustice; and

WHEREAS: Richard Allen also led the founding of schools for people of color who needed to learn to be better citizens of America; and

WHEREAS: the African Methodist Episcopal Church has been a part of the history of the State of Minnesota for more than 116 years;

AND, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the Birthday of Richard Allen, February 14, 1976, to be

RICHARD ALLEN DAY

Minnesota.

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 twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*John Anderson Grace*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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*John Anderson Grace*  
Secretary of State

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