

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *Laura G. Gaskins has been with the Hennepin County Welfare Department since 1947 and, as supervisor in Family Counseling, has worked tirelessly particularly in the interests of minority children and their adoptive parents; and*

WHEREAS: *she served as chairperson for the Task Force on Black Children in White Homes for the North American Conference on Adoptable Children in 1970, 1972, and 1974; and*

WHEREAS: *while president of the Minnesota Social Service Association (1974-1975) Laura Gaskins helped organize an interdisciplinary Task Force on Child Abuse which was successful in attracting media and legislative attention; and*

WHEREAS: *Laura Gaskins also has served as president of the Minnesota Adoption Council, president (Twin Cities section) and regional director for the National Council of Negro Women, and vice president of the Minneapolis Urban Coalition; and*

WHEREAS: *she has long been active in an official capacity on a number of national and community boards concerned with the advancement of human rights; and*

WHEREAS: *Laura Gaskins has conducted staff development training in child welfare in the United States and Canada; and*

WHEREAS: *Laura Gaskin's contributions to an improved quality of life for everyone can be measured by her deep commitment to the poor and the powerless;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the first day of October 15, 1976 to be

LAURA GASKINS 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 first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

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