



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dorothy Kathleen Benham was crowned MISS AMERICA 1977 in Atlantic City at the 56th Miss America Pageant on September 11, 1976; and

WHEREAS: Dorothy is 20 years old, was born in Brainerd, grew up in Minneapolis and now lives in Edina; and

WHEREAS: Dorothy was sponsored by the South St. Paul Jaycees in the state contest at Austin and won the Miss Minnesota title; and

WHEREAS: she is a junior in vocal performance at Macalester College in St. Paul and has an impressive musical background; and

WHEREAS: at Southwest High School, Minneapolis, Dorothy was elected by her classmates as "the girl most respected," was 1972 homecoming queen, served on student council, sang in the choir and was co-captain of a dance group; and

WHEREAS: her mother was Mrs. Minnesota in 1952 and a Mrs. America finalist; and

WHEREAS: Dorothy has further enhanced the quality of life in Minnesota with her talent, beauty, poise, intelligence and personality; and

WHEREAS: Dorothy's high standards and ideals will serve as an inspiration to all young people in Minnesota and the Nation; and

WHEREAS: her Finnish heritage will help to strengthen the cultural and historic ties that Minnesota enjoys with the Scandinavian countries;

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

MISS AMERICA DOROTHY BENHAM DAY

in Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Grove
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Joan Anderson Grove

Wendell R. Anderson