



Proclamation

WHEREAS: *Bill of Rights Day is an annual observance sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Dames; and*

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

WHEREAS: *it also serves to remind us that it was George Mason, squire of Gunston Hall, Virginia, who set in motion public demand for freedom-guarding amendments which eventually forced adoption of our Bill of Rights; and*

WHEREAS: *it should be known that George Mason battled steadfastly at high personal cost to define and popularize the Bill of Rights issue; and*

WHEREAS: *it also should be noted that George Mason provided most of the words for the Virginia Declaration of Rights in May 1776, and that it was these words that Thomas Jefferson, a month later, paraphrased in the Declaration of Independence; and*

WHEREAS: *many of these ideas and words can be traced in scores of later charters and even to that of the United Nations;*

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

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

in Minnesota, a time to express our thanks to George Mason, an authentic hero of freedom.

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

Wendell R. Anderson

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