

Proclamation

WHEREAS: in 1957, Earl C. Benson was named Outstanding Senior Musician at Cannon Falls High School and, since that time, he has not faltered in his pursuit of excellence in that field; and

WHEREAS: he was appointed Director of Music at Bloomington Junior High School in 1965, and two years later he founded the Medalist Concert Band, now one of the outstanding adult community bands in America; and

WHEREAS: for five years, Earl C. Benson served as Guest Conductor and Clinician at the International Music Camp in North Dakota and at the Bemidji Music Camp; and

WHEREAS: in 1970, Earl C. Benson was named Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Bands at Jefferson High School in Bloomington, and the following year he was one of two finalists for Bloomington Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS: Bloomington's Marching and Concert Bands have performed in prestigious events throughout the United States, including the Tournament of Roses, and in Europe and Canada; and

WHEREAS: in 1976, his school was elected for a special filming by the Japanese Band Association entitled "Thomas Jefferson High School -- Bloomington, Minnesota - A U.S.A. Model", which has since been translated into other languages and shown internationally; and

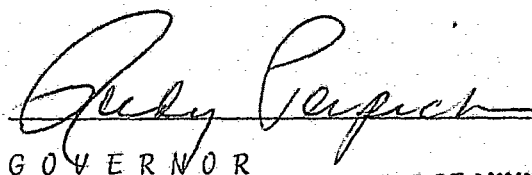
WHEREAS: for the past 20 years, Earl C. Benson, has devoted his life to education, the community, students, and music in a manner truly outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 26, 1977 to be


EARL C. BENSON DAY

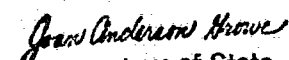
in Minnesota, and join his many friends and colleagues in wishing him continued success in his educational and personal goals.

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-fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.


GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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