



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the first ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States were adopted on December 15, 1791; and*

WHEREAS: *these Amendments, indispensable to our democratic way of life, guarantee freedom of worship, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and other rights, without which a free society could not survive; and*

WHEREAS: *December 15 serves to remind us that in the year 1776, George Mason of Gunston Hall, Virginia, a dedicated and patriotic scholar, drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which served as a model for our Bill of Rights;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 15, 1977 to be

## BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

*in Minnesota, urge all citizens to renew their determination to cherish these constitutional rights, and to acknowledge the debt we owe George Mason.*

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 second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

*Rudy Perpich*

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*James Anderson Howe*  
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