

the women of America constitute fifty-one percent of our nation's most valuable WHEREAS:

resource—the American people; and

the contributions of women to all fields of human endeavor have increased our WHEREAS: knowledge, supported and extended scientific research and achievement, heightened

our appreciation and accomplishment in the arts, burther expending our intellectual

horizons; and

women's contribution to the quality of human life has borne fruit in the development WHEREAS:

of home and family life, and the stability and spontaneity of the American character;

and

we recognize that significant barriers to women's full participation in the society WHEREAS:

still exist and that further intensive efforts must be made to destroy these barriers;

we realize that a step in this direction has been made with the ratification of the WHEREAS:

Equal Rights Amendment in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: we call upon the semale and male citizens of this great state to share together

those attitudes of compassion and human understanding needed to achieve this goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of March 8, 1978 to be

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

in Minnesota.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all Minnesotans to appropriately observe this significant day reserved to commemorate the contributions women have made and continue to make for the enrichment of the quality of life for all personhood.

> 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 third day of Februar in the year of our Lord one thousand no hundred seventy-eight and of the State one hundred twentieth.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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