

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

WHEREAS: December 15 is aimed at calling attention to the Constitution of the United States and particularly the first 10 amendments, the Bill of Rights; 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: George Mason, Squire of Gunston Hall, Virginia, provided most of the words for the Virginia Declaration of Rights in May 1776, and these words were later paraphrased in the Declaration of Independence, by Thomas Jefferson;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Albert H. Quie and Lou Wangberg, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 15, 1979, to be

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in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to cherish these constitutional rights, and express our thanks to George Mason, a dedicated and patriotic scholar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-nine, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

Albert H. Quie

GOVERNOR

Lou Wangberg

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
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