



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: A free press is one of our most precious Constitutional guarantees; and

WHEREAS: An informed citizenry is a prerequisite of a government of, by, and for the people; and

WHEREAS: The public's right to a free flow of information and ideas is sometimes beset by misunderstanding, controversy, and even outright opposition; and

WHEREAS: The rights and responsibilities of a free press require public awareness and support; and

WHEREAS: Our fourth president, James Madison, was instrumental in the composition, and adoption of the Bill of Rights, including the First Amendment guarantees of a free press;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Madison's birthday, March 16, 1980, to be

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY

in Minnesota, and I urge the citizens of the State of Minnesota to observe this day with public discussion and other appropriate actions.

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 eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

*Albert H. Quie*

GOVERNOR

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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