



Proclamation

WHEREAS: GEORGE MASON, VIRGINIA FARMER-LAWYER, HELPED WRITE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT REFUSED TO SIGN IT IN 1787 BECAUSE IT FAILED TO GUARANTEE OUR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES; AND

WHEREAS: THIS CRUCIAL DECISION TO OPPOSE THE CONSTITUTION SET IN MOTION THE DEMAND FOR FREEDOM-GUARDING AMENDMENTS WHICH EVENTUALLY FORCED THE ADOPTION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS ON DECEMBER 15, 1791; AND

WHEREAS: IT WAS GEORGE MASON, THE SQUIRE OF GUNSTON HALL, WHO REMAINED STEADFAST AT HIGH PERSONAL COST TO DEFINE AND POPULARIZE THE BILL OF RIGHTS ISSUE; AND

WHEREAS: THE BILL OF RIGHTS, FIRST ARTICULATED IN THE VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, DRAFTED IN 1776 BY GEORGE MASON, CONTAINED MOST OF THE "CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES" AMERICANS CHERISH;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 15, 1980 TO BE

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

IN MINNESOTA AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
OCT 29 1980

Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

#33081

Albert H. Quie
GOVERNOR

Lou Wangberg
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR