



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 GUARANTEE OF A FREE PRESS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MADISON'S BIRTHDAY, MARCH 16, 1981, TO BE

F R E E D O M O F I N F O R M A T I O N D A Y

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO
PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.
FURTHER, 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 THIS TWELFTH DAY OF MARCH
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND
OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

Albert H. Quie
GOVERNOR

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