

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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1981 TO BE

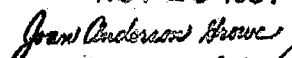
B I L L O F R I G H T S D A Y

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 THIRTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD.



GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
NOV 13 1981


Secretary of State

032692


LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE