

Proclamation

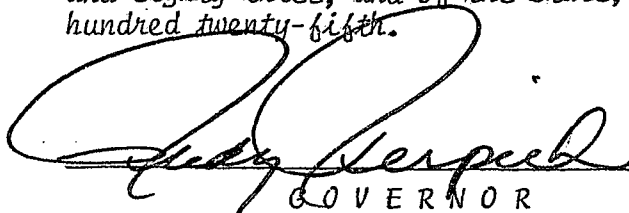
- WHEREAS: American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and
- WHEREAS: American women from all racial groups have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of our Nation's life by contributing a significant portion of the labor force in and outside the home; and
- WHEREAS: American women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the Nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and
- WHEREAS: American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and
- WHEREAS: Despite these contributions, the roles of American women and especially "Women of Color" in history have been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American History;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 6, 1983, as kick-off date for

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in Minnesota, and urge schools and communities to focus attention on the lost heritage of Women's contributions in the United States.

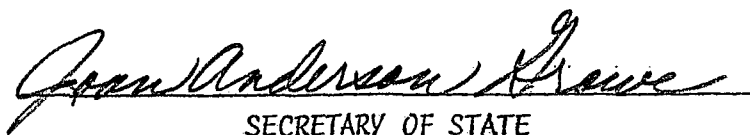
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, and of the State, the hundred twenty-fifth.


GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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