

## **Proclamation**

Teresa Vandergriff began her career in law enforcement as a police officer with the Richfield Department of Public Safety on August 27, 1978; and

WHEREAS: She consistently displays a sensitive and professional attitude in the performance

of her duties; and

Officer Vandergriff received a commendation for her work on a serious personal injury accident in June of 1981, where she and another officer at great personal risk rescued

a party trapped inside a car on fire; and

WHEREAS: She has received two commendations for her work on burglary cases; and

Officer Vandergriff has assisted the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in training session

out-state by acting as a kidnap victim, using her dramatic skills to make it "real" to

the officers involved; and

WHEREAS: Officer Vandergriff was involved in Operation Cobra, a sting operation from January

1982 to April 1982. Over 50 arrests resulted from this operation. Her personality and

dramatic talents created an environment which quelled often hostile encounters with

armed criminal suspects; and

WHEREAS: She received two commendations from the City of Richfield and the Chief's Award of Merit

from the Minneapolis Police Department for her actions in Operation Cobra; and

WHEREAS: On March 23, the Minnesota Chief's of Police Association is honoring Teresa Vandergriff

by presenting her with the "Police Officer of the Year" award;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday,

March 23, 1983, to be

## OFFICER TERESA VANDERGRIFF

in Minnesota, and extend to her my congratulations and admiration on behalf of the state.

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

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