



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Black Minnesotans and Black Americans have made major contributions to the advancement of aviation in Minnesota, America, and the World; and

WHEREAS: Black Minnesotans, through aviation, have made major and significant contributions in the defense of America; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is proud to have a nationally recognized exhibition, Black Wings: The American Black in Aviation, an exhibition depicting the contributions and achievement of Blacks in the field of aviation on display in the Science Museum of Minnesota from September 10, 1983 through November 27, 1983; and

WHEREAS: As a part of the special recognition of Black achievement in aviation, Minnesota is proud to welcome Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford, Jr., a distinguished member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the first black astronaut in space;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 7, 1983, to be

BLACK AVIATION DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jan Anderson Thorne
Secretary of State

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FRUTHER, I call upon our citizens to extend our sincere appreciation to the organizers of this outstanding contribution to American aviation.

Rudy Perpich
Jan Anderson Thorne

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
Minnesota to be affixed at the State Cap
this seventh day of October in the year
Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight