



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: During the 22 years he was executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons, Roy Wilkins was an international leader for justice and equality and came to be known as "Mr. Civil Rights"; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins demonstrated courage and conviction early in life as a college orator, journalist, secretary of the St. Paul branch of the NAACP and editor of the Kansas City Call before joining the NAACP national office in 1931; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins worked to end segregation in the U.S. armed forces; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins was a chief planner and leader of the 1963 march on Washington and helped steer passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins used intellect, dignity and charm in persuading people to demonstrate their belief in equality and their faith in democracy; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins was always proud to be an "adopted" son of Minnesota, having moved to St. Paul at the age of four; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in St. Paul and the University of Minnesota, which presented him with its "outstanding alumni award"; and
- WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins called St. Paul "a special place, a beacon of light in that world of darkness"; and
- WHEREAS: The Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul is being dedicated in memory of his accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 6, 1984, to be

ROY WILKINS DAY

in Minnesota.

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 sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of the State the one hundred twenty-seventh.

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

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