



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: August Wilson's talent as a playwright has won him various fellowships, including the Whiting Writers Fellowship and those from the Bush, Rockefeller, McKnight and Guggenheim Foundations; and
- WHEREAS: He was founder of the Black Horizon Theatre in his native Pittsburgh, where many of his earlier plays were produced; and
- WHEREAS: He was playwright-in-residence at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis; and
- WHEREAS: His play, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, won the New York Drama Critic's Award for best play in 1984; and
- WHEREAS: He has won the John Gaffner Playwright's Award for 1987; and
- WHEREAS: His play, Fences, has won the New York Drama Critic's Circle Award for best play of 1987, the New York Outer Circle Critic's Award for 1987, and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for 1987; and
- WHEREAS: The Broadway production of Fences has received six Tony nominations for the 1987 season; and
- WHEREAS: August Wilson is a resident of St. Paul; and
- WHEREAS: Four of his plays have been produced by Penumbra of St. Paul; and
- WHEREAS: August Wilson's outstanding work and talent have brought favorable recognition to the State of Minnesota and Minnesotans are proud of his accomplishments;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 27 to be

AUGUST WILSON DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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 twenty-sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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