

## Proclamation

Roy Wilkins, a native son of the State of Minnesota, was an orator, a nationally recognized journalist, and a crusader for human rights; and WHEREAS:

Roy Wilkins led the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through two tumultuous decades; and WHEREAS:

His lasting legacy includes groundbreaking legislation that combats social injustice including declaring school segregation unconstitutional, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and 1965 Voting Rights Act; and WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: He was awarded the Presidental Medal of Freedom for his accomplishments; and

The University of Minnesota is raising funds for an Endowed Chair and Center in Human Relations and Social Justice to honor its distinguished alumnus, Roy Wilkins; and WHEREAS:

Renowned jazz pianist, Bobby Short will perform a benefit concert on Sunday, June 19, 1988 as part of a fund-raising effort for the Roy Wilkins Foundation in support of the Wilkins Chair and Center; WHEREAS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim June 19, 1988 to be

ROY WILKENS 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 seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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