



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: C. Walton Lillehei pioneered the world's first successful open heart surgery in 1952; and

WHEREAS: C. Walton Lillehei and his resident, Dr. Richard DeWall, co-invented the bubble oxygenator heart-lung machine in 1956; and

WHEREAS: C. Walton Lillehei implanted the first successful artificial heart valve in 1958; and

WHEREAS: C. Walton Lillehei educated over 200 cardiovascular surgeons; and

WHEREAS: C. Walton Lillehei and Earl Bakken developed the world's first external portable cardiac pacemaker; and

WHEREAS: C. Walton Lillehei's achievements and accomplishments in cardiovascular surgery have saved the lives and improved the health of countless patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 22, 1988 to be

C. WALTON LILLEHEI DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Joan Anderson Skene*  
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 fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Skene*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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