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	Procla	mation
WHEREAS:	Nellie Stone Johnson, of Minneapolis, is a life-time contributor to the labor movement and civil rights; and	
WHEREAS:	The Minnesota State University System has established the Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program as a tribute to Nellie's contributions and the causes she has championed; and	
WHEREAS:	The Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program will assist deserving minority students who are members of organized labor, and who, without such financial support, would be unable to obtain a university degree; and	
WHEREAS:	Nellie is a member of the Minnesota State University Board of Directors, owns and operates Nellie's Alterations Shop in Minneapolis, is a life member of the NAACP and the National Council of Negro Women, a member of the National Coalition of Labor Women, the National League of Women Voters, the DFL Affirmative Action Commission, and the DFL Feminist Caucus; and	
WHEREAS:	As a leader of organized labor in the 1930's and 1940's, Nellie was the first woman vice president of Local 665 Hotel and Restaurant Union, and was also the first black elected to citywide office in Minneapolis when she won a seat on the Library Board in 1945; and	
WHEREAS: NOW, THERI November 10		n honor of this extraordinary woman; e State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday,
	NELLIE STON	E JOHNSON 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 thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.
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