

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Barbara Flanagan moved from her hometown of Des Moines, Iowa to Minneapolis in 1945, with hopes and dreams of a career in show business; and
- WHEREAS: Barbara began working in the promotions department of the Minneapolis Times Newspaper, and two years later accepted a position with the Minneapolis Star, starting as an obituary writer, and working her way up to an assignment reporter, and eventually, to women's editor, covering numerous celebrities and prestigious Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Barbara began writing her own column for the Minneapolis Star in 1965, perfecting her down-to-earth style of speaking with celebrities, and becoming locally known for her trademark of boldfacing people's names in her column; and
- WHEREAS: Her column soon became the first place Twin Citians looked when they wanted to find out "who's who in the Minneapple", as Barbara covered everything from local television personalities' weddings and new babies, to foreign dignitaries visiting the Twin Cities; and
- WHEREAS: After 41 years of dedicating her life to the field of journalism, 23 of those years writing a column which Minneapolis Star Tribune readers grew attached to, Barbara Flanagan retired on October 11, 1988; and
- WHEREAS: This exceptional woman has contributed much to the Minneapolis Star Tribune and to the Minneapolis community, thus it is fitting that a day be set aside in her honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 16, 1988 to be

BARBARA FLANAGAN DAY

in Minnesota, and wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesola to be affixed at the State Capitol this ninth day of November 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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