

Proclamation

WHEREAS:: Shirley Witherspoon's dedication of her life to her art has enriched the cultural

lifestyles of Minnesotans; and

Shirley Witherspoon has unselfishly given of her time and talent for various benefits WHEREAS:

and fund-raisers to support and promote a wide range of causes and organizations; and

WHEREAS: Shirley Witherspoon has devoted countless hours to working with and performing for,

both the disadvantaged youth and the institutionalized of our state; and

WHEREAS: Shirley Witherspoon has opened countless doors for other minority entertainers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 26, 1989 to be

"SHIRLEY WITHERSPOON DAY"

in Minnesota, in recognition of and appreciation for "Minnesota's First Lady of Song,"

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-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine and of the State the one hundred tripities.

SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE FILED.

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