



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Robert John Aronson was born a half century ago on this day, February 17, in Chisholm to Art and Mary Aronson (if he'd been three days earlier, he would have been Valentino Aronson); and

WHEREAS: He was fortunate to find his soulmate, Avis Johnson, and married her on August 2, 1963, with whom he raised Colleen, Roger and Hank; and

WHEREAS: Starting in the late 1950s, Robert Aronson began entertaining radio audiences who tuned in to "eleven radio stations in seven markets", a period during which he was lucky enough to avoid having any objects lodge in his "thing"; and

WHEREAS: Robert Aronson also served as press secretatary to Governor Rudy Perpich for four years, where he distinguished himself by having the largest office, an all-girl staff, the biggest couch and the loudest beeper; and

WHEREAS: Robert Aronson gained a reputation as a strict disciplinarian during his fathering years, especially when he'd wait up for one of the girls -- "Do you know what time it is?" -- "Yes, I do, dad," -- "Oh...well go to bed, then!"; and

WHEREAS: He also set a keen example for other husbands and dads in the neighborhood when he planted an entire hedge upside down, threw some bricks and sand out in the backyard and called it a patio, and continually got stuck in the driveway trying to turn the car around during snowstorms; and

WHEREAS: Robert Aronson has been known to pass a lipstick-stained shirt back and forth with his son Roger, a shirt which he hated but which he wouldn't let Roger have, either; and

WHEREAS: As a founding partner in Aronson/Ward, besides his duties as trainer and consultant, Robert Aronson has been black, a refrigerator repairman, and has been forced to eat at such fine establishments as Hardees and Arby's due to cash flow problems after furniture shopping;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 17, 1989 to be

BOBO ARONSON DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jan Anderson
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 fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jan Anderson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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