



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota women use their talents, skills, abilities, and sense of justice and commitment to express themselves in a wide variety of activities in communities all over Minnesota, but are not always recognized for the positive contributions they make; and

WHEREAS: The *Marvelous Minnesota Woman* award honors women for their personal accomplishments and acknowledges the significance of each individual contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS: Fern Sepler, as Co-Chair of the Attorney General's Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Women, and Paula Goodman Maccabee, as Special Assistant Attorney General assigned as staff coordinator for the Task Force, have worked together on a project of special concern to women and have succeeded in creating a Task Force report that has been translated into comprehensive legislation awaiting consideration of the State Legislature and recommendations accepted by the Sentencing Guidelines Commission doubling presumptive sentences for rape and changing the rules for

WHEREAS: Paula Goodman Maccabee, a graduate of Amherst College and Yale Law School, has been involved with women's issues for many years as an attorney in private practice, through membership on the boards of Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter and Chrysalis Center for Women, and applying a working knowledge of the law and awareness of the broad range of women's issues to the efforts of the Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim

FERN SEPLER AND PAULA GOODMAN

to be *Marvelous Minnesota Women*, in recognition of the unique work they did together on the Attorney General's Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Women, a project of significance to all Minnesotans, which exemplifies the benefits that accrue to society when women work together for a common good.

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 February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine and of the State the one hundred fortieth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

James Anderson Thayer
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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