



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Rose Totino is the daughter of Pedro and Armita Cruciani, who immigrated to America in 1910 from the village of Santo Steffano, near Foligno, Italy, and moved to Minneapolis in 1914 to raise their seven children; and

WHEREAS: Rose met Jim Totino at the age of nineteen, and later married him, and they are the parents of two daughters; and

WHEREAS: Rose's brought tiny pizzas to church and school meetings — they soon became a big hit and she began catering her friends' parties with them; and

WHEREAS: Few people in the Twin Cities area had tasted pizza, and Rose decided to introduce them by opening her own pizza restaurant; and

WHEREAS: After tasting one of her pizzas, Rose's banker gave her a loan for the restaurant, and this business soon flourished through Rose's culinary talents, and her keen business sense; and

WHEREAS: Rose and Jim, who worked together at the restaurant, decided to try a new business venture, Totinos, marketing frozen pizzas and pasta entrees; and

WHEREAS: After an unsuccessful start, which brought Totino's to the brink of bankruptcy, Rose secured a small business loan and saw the company through its crisis; and

WHEREAS: Rose relied on her personal strength and her faith to see her through this crisis, and has since dedicated her life to serving the Lord, including her commitments to the National Evangelistic Teams (NET) of the St. Paul Catholic Youth Center, Totino-Grace High School and Northwestern College; and

WHEREAS: Pillsbury Company offered to buy Totino's and Rose was appointed first woman vice president of Pillsbury, where she continues to work; and

WHEREAS: Rose is a generous and loving woman, and it is fitting to set aside a day in her honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 1989 to be

ROSE TOTINO DAY

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Joan Anderson Grove
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 eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

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