



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: *Fuji-Ya, the Twin Cities' premiere Japanese restaurant, celebrates its 30th anniversary September 27, 1989, the birthdate of its founder, the late Reiko Umetani Weston; and*
- WHEREAS: *In 1959, Mrs. Weston, a native of Japan, opened her restaurant emphasizing authentic Japanese cuisine, in tiny quarters in downtown Minneapolis; and*
- WHEREAS: *Mrs. Weston had the foresight (she was the first) to develop the south side of the Mississippi River when, in 1962 she bought the land at 420 South 1st street, and six years later built the kind of restaurant she always wanted — everything authentic Japanese; and*
- WHEREAS: *Weston's business acumen, creativity, and innovations in food, (she was the first to bring Teppanyaki and Sushi to the area,) brought her numerous cuisine and personal honors including Small Business Person of the Year, elevation into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame, and the first woman to grace the cover of Corporate Report Magazine; and*
- WHEREAS: *Her daughter Carol Weston, who grew up in the restaurant business, is carrying on the traditions of Fuji-Ya since the untimely death of her mother in May 1988;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the 27th day of September to be

FUJI-YA RESTAURANT DAY

in Minnesota to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this authentic Japanese restaurant and honor the memory of its founder, Reiko Weston.

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 seventh day of September 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

Jean Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State