



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In the 1600's, colonial women were equal partners in the creation of the New World, exuding extraordinary spirit, energy and stamina in the face of endless hard work; and
- WHEREAS: In the 1700's, Revolutionary women fought vigorously for the patriot cause by boycotting British products, publishing political tracts and arming themselves with muskets and pitchforks to defend their land and homes; and
- WHEREAS: In the 1800's black women refused to let their spirits die in the face of centuries of oppression by creating for themselves a culture rich in love for one another, in community and in human meaning; and
- WHEREAS: In 1920, modern women won the right to vote after a seventy-two year struggle and took the first step in attaining more prominent roles in the world outside the home; and
- WHEREAS: In the 1930's, Eleanor Roosevelt was instrumental in helping women make a place for themselves in politics and government - she was more than the wife of the President; she was also a professional woman with activities and opinions of her own; and
- WHEREAS: In the 1940's, women were called upon to work as machinists, truck drivers, train conductors, and policewomen to support the war effort at home, however, two months after V-J Day, two million women were fired from heavy industry; and
- WHEREAS: In the 1950's, suburban women, working class women and professional women faced increasing demands of working full-time and raising a family without support from husbands, family, or peers and continued to face sexist stereotypes, double standards and hostile propaganda; and
- WHEREAS: In 1984, Geraldine Ferraro became the first woman in history to run for Vice President, indicating that support for equality of the sexes was increasing in American society;
- WHEREAS: For the 1990's women will continue to grow personally and professionally, will make great strides against incredible obstacles, and will continue to fight for equal status, equal pay and equal opportunity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the first week in September to be

WOMENS' RECOGNITION WEEK

in Minnesota.

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 July 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 Browne
SECRETARY OF STATE

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