



Proclamation

WHEREAS: Leona Louise Pauline Gebhardt was born on December 5, 1909 to Arthur and Mary Parent -- they found her in the St. Francis River near Foley, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Leona and her three sisters grew up in the Foley area; Leona had many good times at Rau's Midway Mall; and

WHEREAS: As a teenager, Leona learned to drive the Model T Ford, and the Juwett; she was seen driving down the main street of Foley in a Model T with a chicken perched on top of it; and

WHEREAS: Leona married Emil Gebhardt on June 12, 1930, and together they raised their family near Popple Creek; and

WHEREAS: Once, Leona had to take a shotgun loaded with slugs after a bull that escaped from its pen; and

WHEREAS: Leona worked as a nurses aide at the St. Cloud Hospital, and moved to St. Cloud in the spring of 1964, where she became an expert in fowl cremation; and

WHEREAS: Leona had seven children, and has 26 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and 16 step-great-grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the tenth day of December, 1989 to be

LEONA LOUISE PAULINE GEBHARDT DAY

in Minnesota, in honor of her 80th birthday December 5, 1989.



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 eighth day of December 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