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## **Proclamation**

Homer William "Bill" Lurton, is the chief executive officer of Jostens Inc., an WHEREAS: 33-year-old Bloomington-based manufacturer of class rings, educational products, and recognition items; and

Bill Lurton joined Jostens Inc., a Fortune 500 company, in 1955 as a school yearbook salesperson, and quickly advanced up the rungs of the Jostens executive ladder, until he was named CEO in 1972; and WHEREAS:

With Bill Lurton's leadership, skill and dedication, Jostens grew from a family-run operation with sales of \$100 million, into the country's 450th largest industrial company, with sales of approximately \$700 million in its 1989 fiscal year; and WHEREAS:

Though Bill Lurton is hesitant to admit it, his contributions as CEO of Jostens for the past 18 years play a large part in its success, including 32 consecutive years of increased sales and earnings, despite a 25 percent decline in the high school population – Josten's main market; and WHEREAS:

Bill is on the boards of Deluxe Check Printers Inc. and Pentair Inc.; is the chairman of the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the education subcommittee of the U.S. Chamber of Commmerce; and is involved in a discussion group of WHEREAS: Minnesota CEO's and school superindendents; and

WHEREAS: Bill Lurton has been selected as Corporate Report Magazine's Executive of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 30, 1990 to be

WILLIAM LURTON DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FEB 2 3 1990

Jan Colner Fine

Secretary of State

in Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my In Wirness 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-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.