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Proclamation

WHEREAS: Mary Ellen Bridgeman was born on January 28, 1940 in New Ulm, Minnesota and has been married to Bob Bridgeman since October 21, 1961, and together they have raised two wonderful children, Robert Shawn, and Beth Ann; and

WHEREAS: Mary Ellen has been a partner side-by-side with her husband of twenty-eight years, sharing all the good times and tough times that go into living, bringing to their life together an untiring sense of optimism, a keen ability to always find humor in her daily routine, and the fortitude to keep laughing at Bob's same old jokes, year after year; and

WHEREAS: Mary Ellen has spent many years as a devoted Mom, logging in hundreds of hours on the bleachers, cheering on Robert Shawn's teams from little league baseball to the high school regional playoff games, from a Pee Wee hockey player all the way through Midgets, and during this time, she has always maintained her dignity by never screaming and jumping up and down on the sidelines at Bob's games; and

WHEREAS: Mary Ellen has been both a good friend and a great mom to her daughter Beth Ann; she has understood the importance of spending two hours at the mall helping her find just the right pair of jeans, and has cheered Beth on to slide into home plate during her softball games. Meanwhile, Beth has endured with patience and understanding, her mother's need to watch her like a hawk while she's swimming, in spite of the fact that Mary Ellen herself can't swim a stroke; and

WHEREAS: Mary Ellen has endeared herself to the Bridgeman family by being a good friend and confidante to Bob's brother and sisters, and a terrific aunt to all of the Bridgeman boys and a very, very special friend to her only Bridgeman-side niece, Bridget; and

WHEREAS: Mary Ellen Bridgeman is celebrating her 50th birthday with characteristic good humor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 28, 1990 to be

MARY ELLEN BRIDGEMAN DAY

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-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety and of the State the one hundred thirty-first.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Jean Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State