



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The General Federation of Women's Clubs was organized on April 24, 1890 and duly chartered by President William McKinley and the United States Congress on March 3, 1901; and
- WHEREAS: The General Federation of Women's Clubs is the largest and oldest non-denominational, international service organization of volunteer women in the world with ten million members in all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and forty-six countries worldwide; and
- WHEREAS: Through the years, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been a leading advocate and proponent of such advances as freedom of women from legal and social constraints, conservation of natural resources, child labor laws, equal rights and responsibilities for women, consumer protection and education, equal opportunity in education and employment, the fostering of world understanding and international cooperation, safety and health in the workplace, alcohol and drug abuse treatment, governmental reform and the safeguarding of worker rights to individual dignity and expression; and
- WHEREAS: For 100 years, the activities of the clubs affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs have made positive and practical contributions through their many volunteer efforts. The members of the Minnesota Federation and its parent organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, have contributed significantly to the civic, cultural, educational and social betterment of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The women who have served this organization have exemplified the highest standards of citizenship, concern for humankind, and spirit of renewal that has continued to build upon our nation's proud heritage and cultural legacy; and
- WHEREAS: The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Minnesota, having 5,000 members and 250 clubs, are joining with their parent organization to celebrate April 24, 1990 as GFWC Centennial Celebration Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1990 to be

G F W C C E N T E N N I A L C E L E B R A T I O N D A Y

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

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-second day of March 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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