

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
SAINT PAUL



P R O C L A M A T I O N

I call attention of the people of Minnesota to the anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony, pioneer in the movement for emancipation of women, which occurs on February 15.

Due largely to the untiring efforts of this woman, who braved social scorn and ridicule in the pursuit of an ideal, the Congress of the United States in 1920 enacted the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to the ballot.

This was one of the most significant reforms in American history. Like similar social, economic, and political changes, it was not won without a terrific struggle on the part of unselfish persons willing to sacrifice everything for the sake of principle.

Although Susan B. Anthony neither began nor ended woman's struggle for equality, the value of her work cannot be over-estimated. In the roll of America's great women, her name must stand at the head. It is only by following in the path of such devotion that we of today can carry forward the battle for the rights of the great masses of people to a fuller life.

This battle is not yet won. There are powerful forces in the world today which threaten to submerge not only the gains already made by women and to relegate them again to a position of inferiority in society, but also to snatch from the people the liberties already won. I refer particularly to the forces of fascism which threaten the rights of women and of all mankind.

We can have no more sterling example before us in meeting today's problems than the militant and oft-times little appreciated work of Susan B. Anthony.

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It is therefore fitting that we, now 117 years after her birth, should honor the memory of this great woman. To this end I hereby proclaim

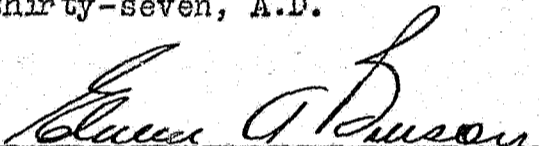
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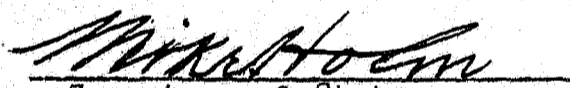
SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY

in the state of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed this 13th day of February, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, A.D.

  
Governor of Minnesota.

Attest:

  
Secretary of State.

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