



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Justice Rosalie Wahl served as a Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court with great distinction from 1977 to 1994. Appointed by Governor Rudy Perpich, she was the first woman to serve on the court; and

WHEREAS: Born in Kansas, Justice Wahl graduated from the University of Kansas, where she worked to end segregated student housing. While raising five children, she took night classes and earned her law degree from William Mitchell College in 1967. At a time when it was difficult for women to be accepted in the legal profession, she became a state public defender and argued more than 100 cases; and

WHEREAS: Throughout her distinguished career, Justice Wahl fought against discrimination and for equality and due process before the law. She joined the faculty of William Mitchell College in 1973; and

WHEREAS: After being appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1977, Justice Wahl successfully won election to her seat five times. She created court task forces on racial and gender discrimination, focusing attention on bias in Minnesota's justice system. She was recognized by her colleagues for her intellect, compassion, and deeply held sense of fairness; and

WHEREAS: After 17 years on the Supreme Court, Justice Wahl retired in 1994 and remained an active citizen, serving on numerous boards and organizations; and

WHEREAS: Justice Rosalie Wahl devoted her life to the unwavering support of equal justice for all. A remarkable jurist, she provided the people of Minnesota with exceptional public service and made Minnesota a better place.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 21, 2013, as:

ROSALIE WAHL DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, September 21, 2013, in honor and remembrance of Justice Rosalie Wahl.



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 19th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State the one hundred fifty-sixth.

The signature of Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota, written in black ink.

GOVERNOR

The signature of Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, written in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE