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Jean Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

- WHEREAS: Florence R. Ruhland is an internationally recognized leader in diabetes patient education and has been an outstanding member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing; and
- WHEREAS: Florence Ruhland has been a member of the General Council of the International Diabetes Federation ('82) and its committees which set guidelines for patient education which have been used throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS: She has served as Vice President of the American Diabetes Association ('81-'83), on its Executive and Steering Committees as it set policies aimed at improving the quality of life of all Americans with diabetes; and
- WHEREAS: Florence Ruhland has been a leader of the American Diabetes Association, Minnesota Affiliate, as President ('84-'85), as a Vice President ('75-'77, '81-83), and as Steering Committee Member leading and coordinating numerous local programs for diabetes education, public awareness and fundraising efforts such as "Bike-A-Thons"; and
- WHEREAS: For more than twenty years she has been an innovative educator of nurses, teaching both undergraduates and advanced degree students and fostering collaborative efforts between hospital-based nurses and nurse educators to improve nursing education, service and research; and
- WHEREAS: Florence Ruhland has edited and published numerous articles to assist patients to live better with diabetes, and for health professionals she developed videotapes and texts to teach about caring for the elderly, the visually impaired and other vulnerable groups; and
- WHEREAS: As a full Colonel in the Army Reserves (now retired), she has served her country and received commendations for implementing improvements in nursing care at military bases around the USA; and
- WHEREAS: Florence Ruhland has been a role model and beloved teacher of generations of nurses and is now retiring from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing after 20 years of service;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 5, 1991 to be

F L O R E N C E R. R U H L A N D D A Y

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 first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one, and of the State the one hundred thirty-third.

Arne H. Carlson

GOVERNOR

Jean A. Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE