



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sharon Sayles Belton has held elected office for eighteen years serving the citizens of Minneapolis and enthusiastically devoted her life to this service; and
- WHEREAS: Sharon Sayles Belton played a leadership role in the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors bringing recognition not only to Minneapolis, but to the great state of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Sharon Sayles Belton in her capacity as Mayor of Minneapolis was a consummate sales person for the State of Minnesota in her visits to sister cities such as Ibaraki, Japan, Harbin, China, and Tours, France; and most recently on her mission of friendship to Cuba; and
- WHEREAS: Sharon Sayles Belton was a visionary in strengthening downtown Minneapolis as a financial center and employer creating over 43,000 jobs; expanded housing opportunities in the downtown area and attracting 25,000 new residents; and ensuring an expanded Convention Center became a reality; and
- WHEREAS: Sharon Sayles Belton was committed to the improvement of the lives and status of families and children, which benefits all Minnesotans and was guided by her strong commitment to the common good.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim that, Tuesday, March 26, 2002 shall be observed as:

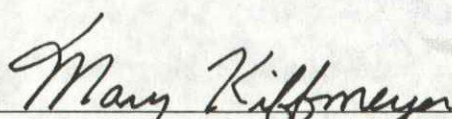
## Sharon Sayles Belton Day

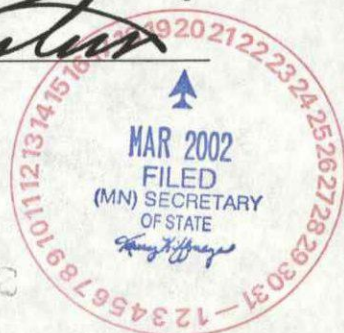
in the State of Minnesota.



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 20th day of March in the year two thousand and two and of the State the one hundred forty-third.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE



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