

STATE OF MINNESOTA



Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson has for three decades dedicated his professional life to tireless efforts to protect and provide a strong voice on behalf of mentally disabled citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson was the first, full time patient advocate appointed to provide rights protection and advocacy services, to citizens receiving care and treatment at the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center; and
- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson provided leadership on the Department of Public Welfare's Humane Practices Committee; and
- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson provided a consumer oriented voice on the Supreme Court Commission on Civil Commitment in 1979; and
- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson has provided energetic leadership as Director of Advocacy Services for the Minnesota Mental Health Association since April 1, 1983; and
- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson provided leadership and guidance to the National Association of Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA), in a variety of roles including President; and
- WHEREAS: Bill Johnson has co-edited "The Rights TENET", which is a national publication for the National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARNE H. CARLSON, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 24, 1995 to be

B I L L J O H N S O N 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 twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five and of the State the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

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Arne H. Carlson
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

