



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Phyllis Kahn was first elected to the Minnesota Legislature in 1972; an historic election which brought five women to the House of Representatives; and she was one of the longest serving members of the House when she completed her service in 2016; and
- WHEREAS: Phyllis represented southeast Minneapolis, and later part of northeast Minneapolis, and was one of very few scientists serving in any state legislature in the country; and
- WHEREAS: Phyllis served the people of Minnesota with distinction; she authored many significant bills including the Clean Indoor Air Act, Gender Equity in Athletics, and the consolidation of 38 state computer systems into one integrated system; and
- WHEREAS: Phyllis is known for her athletic prowess, running 50 marathons, holding the record for the fastest marathon of any sitting legislator in her age group, continuing to play hockey regularly, and coaching girls hockey, as well as establishing the "Minnesota Hot Flashes" which include two subgroups -the public policy bicycling society and skiing society- that continue in full force to this day; and
- WHEREAS: Phyllis leaves her mark on every task she undertakes, winning a Minnesota State Fair blue ribbon for her "Guilt Free Cheesecake," a red ribbon for her "Industrial Strength Chocolate Pie," and many other awards for her biscotti; and
- WHEREAS: Phyllis Kahn began her legislative career in a momentous election and her extraordinary legacy will continue to benefit the people of Minnesota for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 8-15, 2017, as:

## PHYLLIS KAHN WEEK

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

  
LT. GOVERNOR