



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Maud Hart Lovelace was born in Mankato, Minnesota on April 25, 1892, to Thomas and Stella (Palmer) Hart, and graduated from Mankato High School in 1910; and
- WHEREAS: Her second historical novel, *Early Candlelight*, published in 1929, earned her the first American military review in honor of a woman in private life given by the Third U.S. Infantry at Fort Snelling; and
- WHEREAS: Lovelace is the author of the Betsy-Tracy 13-book series based on her recollections of life in the early 1900s in Mankato, Minnesota, published between 1940 and 1955; and
- WHEREAS: The Mankato Friends of the Library Association established the Minnesota Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award, a children's choice book award, in 1979; and
- WHEREAS: The Betsy-Tracy Society, a national non-profit organization, was established in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1990 to encourage re-publication of the Betsy-Tracy books, and to preserve and protect her childhood home and landmarks depicted in the Betsy-Tracy books; and
- WHEREAS: Maud Hart Lovelace was chosen as one of 150 significant people or places that shaped Minnesota's history by the Minnesota Historical Society, commemorating the Minnesota Sesquicentennial in 2008; and
- WHEREAS: Maud Hart Lovelace's childhood home in Mankato, Minnesota, and that of her best friend Frances Kenney, were designated as National Landmarks by the Association of Libraries, Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations in 2010; and
- WHEREAS: Lovelace's legacy has been honored by generations in the United States and around the world who continue to read her books and celebrate her contribution to American children's literature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 2017, as:

## MAUD HART LOVELACE 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE