

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Maud Hart was born in Mankato, Minnesota on April 25, 1892 to Thomas and Stella (Palmer) Hart. She graduated from Mankato High School in 1910. She attended the University of Minnesota where she was the Women's Editor for the *Minnesota Daily*. Maud Hart married Delos Lovelace, a journalist, on November 29, 1917 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Maud Hart Lovelace's first of six historical fiction novels, four of which are based in Minnesota, was *The Black Angels* published in 1926. Her second historical novel, *Early Candlelight*, published in 1929 about life at early Fort Snelling 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-Tacy* series of 13 books published between 1940 and 1955. These books are based on her recollections of life in early 1900s Mankato, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Maud Hart Lovelace passed away March 11, 1980 in Claremont, California. Her funeral was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Mankato and she is buried in Glenwood Cemetery in Mankato, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Betsy-Tacy Society, a national organization, was established in Mankato, Minnesota in 1990 to encourage re-publication of the Betsy-Tacy books and preserve and protect her childhood home and landmarks depicted in the Betsy-Tacy books; and

WHEREAS, Maud Hart Lovelace's childhood home in Mankato, Minnesota and that of her best friend Frances Kenney were designated National Landmarks by the Association of Libraries, Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations in 2010; and


WHEREAS, Maud Hart Lovelace's legacy is such that generations of people in the United States and around the world continue to read her books and celebrate her contribution to American children's literature.

THEREFORE, I, Eric T. Anderson, Mayor of Mankato, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2017, as:

MAUD HART LOVELACE DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 10th day of April 2017.




Eric T. Anderson, Mayor