

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Michael Dennis Browne, award-winning Distinguished Teaching Professor of English at the University of Minnesota for 39 years, librettist of many texts for music, most notably "Pilgrims' Hymn," "The Road Home," "Hymn for America," and the Pulitzer Prize nominated post-Holocaust oratorio "To Be Certain of the Dawn" recorded by the Minnesota Orchestra, poet and former director of the Program in Creative Writing at the University of Minnesota, is retiring on the eve of his 70th birthday after teaching and living in his chosen city of Minneapolis since 1971; and

WHEREAS, His fifth collection of poetry, Selected Poems 1965-1995, published by Carnegie Mellon University Press, won a 1998 Minnesota Book Award, and his previous book, You Won't Remember This, won a 1993 Minnesota Book Award; and

WHEREAS, His most recent book, What the Poem Wants, dedicated to his students, was published in 2009, and Give Her the River, a picture book for young readers, based the beauty of the Mississippi River as it flows through our grand city, was published in 2004; and

WHEREAS, His poems have been published in many magazines and anthologies, and his awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Bush Foundation, the Jerome Foundation, and the McKnight Foundation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R.T. RYBAK, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2010 as:

**MICHAEL DENNIS BROWNE DAY IN
THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**



Mayor of Minneapolis

