

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION FOR "RETARDED CHILDREN'S MONTH"

- WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has more than 100,000 retarded children and adults and is convinced that a diligent search must be made for solutions to problems presented by the children suffering from this tragic handicap, and
- WHEREAS, the great majority of these children can become useful, contributing citizens with the proper training and guidance, and
- WHEREAS, the denying to many retarded children this vitally needed help and training deprives our state of an important source of manpower, and
- WHEREAS, science now is on the threshold of important break-throughs in the discovery of ways of preventing some forms of mental retardation, and
- WHEREAS, the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children is now carrying on a state-wide Friendship Campaign, an appeal for funds to help each mentally retarded child to develop to the height of his potential, and to provide funds for research, and
- WHEREAS, the success of this campaign will benefit our state by making possible better education and rehabilitation services and expanded and accelerated research;

NOW THEREFORE I, Elmer L. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November as

"RETARDED CHILDREN'S MONTH"

in this state and urge that the citizens of the state give full support to this campaign to bring the fullest possible life to those suffering from mental retardation.

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 tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one and of the State, the one hundred fourth.

Elmer L. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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