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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota are increasingly aware of the talents and resources of senior citizens; and
WHEREAS, for the proper guidance of state policies it is essential that we depend on the accumulated wisdom of these older persons; and
WHEREAS, our free society, if it is to be economically and spiritually healthy, requires the fullest possible utilization of the skills and abilities which have been acquired by older workers; and
WHEREAS, to further encourage the ambitions and aspirations of this large group of our population, the older citizen, it is well to give recognition where recognition is due,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim and announce the following three-point recognition program:

1. The calling of a round-table conference of leaders of business and industry to develop expanded employment opportunities for the "over-45" workers, said conference to be held on May 27 at the State Capitol.
2. The holding of regional hearings across the state, said hearings to be conducted by the Governor's Citizens Council on Aging, and to present full opportunity for senior citizens to present their views on the pressing problems which confront them, namely the payment of increasing property taxes when living on a fixed retirement income, the ever-growing health and medical needs of the older person, the provision of adequate housing whether in rural or urban areas, and the expansion of community recreational and leisure time activities, and any other matters which they would wish to call to the attention of the state as a whole through this medium of regional sounding boards for the "voice of the older people."
3. The designating of a "senior citizen of the year," to be named at the biennial Governor's Conference on Aging to be held in February of 1965.

FURTHER, IT IS HEREBY proclaimed that the month of May, 1964, is

"SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH"

and all Minnesotans at this time are requested to take note of the programs, the needs and the knowledge of our older citizens.

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 twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four and of the State the one hundred sixth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR