# P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS,   a great resource possessed by our Nationalies in the talents and the accumulated wisdom of the odder Americans in our midst who have been pioneers and builders during a period of dramatic change and severe testing, and

WHEREAS,   these qualities must be further utilized as we build the future on the fundamental lessons of the past.  Having learned to live with change and challenge, these senior citizens offer us their priceless experience and mature judgement, and

WHEREAS,   we are grateful for the scientific and technological advances which have given us the longest life expectancy in the history of the world, but we must also be concerned with the quality of that longer life span, and

WHEREAS,   the moral as well as the practical obligations demand that we excercise the fullest measure of our responsibility to our older citizens, taking steps which stem from public awareness of the role and needs of senior citizens - as we have done at this 1969 Legislative Session in providing urgent and significant tax relief for the retired elderly unreasonably penalized by the pressures of an inflated economy, and

WHEREAS,   the President of these United States, Richard M. Nixon, has proclaimed the month of May, 1970, as Senior Citizens Month, nation-wide, and has designated that the continuing theme for this special month is "Meeting The Challenge of the Later Years",

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the Month of May, 1970, as

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in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to recognize the need for greater interest and knowledge of the activities directed at the well-being of our senior citizens.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed here at the State Capitol this first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State the one hundred twelfth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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