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

WHEREAS, each individual, whether handicapped or of normal capacity, has the basic human right to remain with his family and in his own community whenever possible and to share in all of the daily life events with all other members of the family and community, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Day Activity Center program was created out of concern for the welfare of mentally retarded persons who cannot participate fully in many existing community services and activites, and

WHEREAS, this program has been fostered and given strength by the people of Minnesota, by the State Legislature, andnthrough the special concern of the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children and the Minnesota Day Activity Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 mentally retarded hhildren and adults are now receiving the benefits of the guidance and special activities of this program in 66 Day Activity Centers located in 45 Minnesota counties; and

WHEREAS, this program is effectively contributing to a greater Quality of Life for Minnesota citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, od hereby proclaim Thursday, November 12, 1970, as

DAY ACTIVITY CENTER DAY

In Minnesota and urge all citizens to join in recognizing our continuing responsibilities to all mentally retarded persons and to rededicate our efforts to their continued welfare during this special observance honoring the Daytime Activity Centers of this state and those dedicated volunteers and staff involved in this program admirably demonstrating the desire degree of human concern.

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 sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the State, the one hundred thirteenth.

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donavan
SECRETARY OF STATE