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### PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, for centuries Mothers have been honored in Greek mythology, in Biblical history, at Roman festivals, and later in the early Christian era by establishment in England of "Mothering Sunday", and
- WHEREAS, the first organized Mother's Day in America was developed during the Civil War, by Anna Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia, who sought to comfort the boys in Blue and Grey and reduce their animosities, and
- WHEREAS, through the efforts of Mrs. Jarvis' daughter, Anna, the Congress of the United States, on February 4, 1941, provided the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day, a National Flag holiday; and
- WHEREAS, the American Mothers Committee was organized in 1933 as a division of the Golden Rule Foundation; its purpose to develop and strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the American home and to give to the observance of Mother's Day a spiritual quality which highlights the standards of ideal Motherhood and recognizes the importance of mothers in the home, the community, the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS, the American Mothers Committee has, through the years, honored many remarkable women of all faiths, nationally and in the respective states; and
- WHEREAS, it is proper that we render our tribute to and the respect deserved by all mothers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby extend my warmest congratulations to the 1971 Mother of the Year selected by the American Mothers Committee. I am particularly honored to relay my best wishes to the 1971 winner, Mrs. Jonette Locke of Fargo, N.D. And I hereby proclaim Sunday, May 9, 1971 as

### MOTHER'S DAY

in Minnesota and call upon all our citizens to join in saluting and in expressing our grateful appreciation to all mothers for the priceless gifts they have given us.

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 fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the State, one hundred thirtieth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
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