

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

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

- WHEREAS: a full century ago, in March 1871, the State of Minnesota Legislature established and the Governor approved a railroad commissioner as a one-man commission to examine and report on railroads; and
- WHEREAS: that from this limited beginning, 100 years ago, there has developed important regulatory responsibilities through the enlargement of this one-man commission; and
- WHEREAS: this great expansion and growth has evolved through the years from the need and desire of the people of Minnesota through its state government for orderly and progressive industrial management; and
- WHEREAS: this one-man commission, later to become a three-man commission, was the forerunner of a substantive and necessary state department that vitally affects the growth, prosperity, industrial well being, and most importantly is responsive to the needs of the people of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: this important agency of state services, formerly the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, and now the Department of Public Service, has been constantly recognized through the years for its significant work ~~for the citizens of Minnesota; and~~
- WHEREAS: the additional functions added to the Public Service Department, although started by limited authority over railroads, has steadily evolved into supervision of many substantial economic enterprises; and
- WHEREAS: such regulation now encompasses the grain marketing and warehousing, the extensive supervision throughout the State of Minnesota of the weighing and measuring devices, the review and operational guidelines of the telephone industries, the fair and protective overseeing of livestock weighing and dealing, and the highly significant management of for-hire trucking and bus operations; and
- WHEREAS: the economic, ecological and social health of the people of the State of Minnesota is so eminently enhanced and benefited by this important activity of the Department of Public Service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate the year of 1971 as

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT YEAR

and urge all citizens to enthusiastically support, participate in, acquire knowledge of, and encourage this most meaningful and essential function of government service.

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 fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one and of the State, the one hundred thirteenth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Wendell P. Anderson
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