

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly in behalf of the people of this State to protect our unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed by the Constitution against the increasing challenges to freedom on many fronts; and

WHEREAS, our first line of defense against the enemies of freedom is our law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Minnesotans, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws these same officers have given our State national freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorders that continue to afflict other nations and has left its blight upon our own Nation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has been significantly honored by the election of Richard Ricker of our St. Paul Police Department and the President of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association to the office of President of the 225,000 member International Conference of Police Associations; and

WHEREAS, all those men and women in the law enforcement profession by their past and present service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of their fellow Minnesotans.

NOW, WHEREAS, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 1971 as

"POLICE WEEK"

and, in honor of the countless state and federal officers who have been killed or disabled on the line of duty, further proclaim Saturday, May 15, 1971, as

"PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY"

in Minnesota, and strongly urge our citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to honor the police and peace officers of their community and to provide a wider base of understanding of their daily responsibilities.

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
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