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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: it is recognized that one half of all blindness is preventable, and that unimpaired vision is one of the most precious elements of good health, and,
- WHEREAS: there are more than six thousand cases of blindness in Minnesota, many of which could have been prevented, and,
- WHEREAS: the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness, a voluntary health agency operating for the past quarter century in our State, has developed immediate and long range programs for the improvement of eye health and prevention of eye accidents in Minnesota,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 1971, as

"EYESE SAVING MONTH"

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to focus their attention on the urgent need for an immediate program of blindness prevention in our Minnesota industries, schools, farms, and homes, as well as increased awareness of the importance of early diagnosis and care of eye disease.

I also urge the cooperation of all educational, civic, and voluntary agencies, along with the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness, in making not only September, but every month of the year, an opportunity to conserve the vision and promote the eye health of our citizens.

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

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Allen J. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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