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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Telephone Pioneers of America, with 345,000 members, is the largest voluntary association of employees in the United States, and

WHEREAS: the organization, founded 60 years ago, has consistently lived up to its goals of Loyalty, Fellowship and Service, and

WHEREAS: these goals have helped create a sense of unity and friendship among Pioneers and have resulted in service activities that have benefited hundreds of organizations and many thousands of individuals; and

WHEREAS: the people of Minnesota and the Telephone Pioneers can take pride in the three generations of telephone men and women who have served Minnesota since the first telephone was installed 95 years ago,

THEREFORE, I, WENDELL R. ANDERSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, declare the week beginning October 24, 1971, as

"TELEPHONE PIONEERS OF AMERICA WEEK"

and urge the people of Minnesota to observe this week and to set aside October 28, 1971 as Telephone Pioneer Day, the Diamond Anniversary of the association's founding, a day for the telephone industry to honor past, present and future Telephone Pioneers.

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 thirteenth day of October 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

Arlen J. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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