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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The children of our community are associated with Halloween, including going from door-to-door in their immediate neighborhoods with their happy challenges of "trick-or-treat"; and

WHEREAS: the increasing possibility of accidents due to the general carefree spirit of the children at this particular time when their natural caution is abandoned and when costumes and masks often make them indistinguishable in the darkness of these early Fall evenings is an ever present threat; and

WHEREAS: it would appear that parents generally favor the late afternoon and early evening schedule since it tends to limit participation to the younger children, for whom the observance was originally intended, and discourages interference and disruption by the very small percentage of older children who, under cover of darkness and with their identities concealed by masks and costumes, might otherwise seek to spoil the fun for the smaller children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, in conjunction with the undersigned Minnesota Mayors, do hereby proclaim that Sunday, October 31, 1971, shall be known as

HALLOWEEN

We do further ask both children and their parents to cooperate in limiting the time of trick-or-treat activities to the period marked by 4:00 p.m. and the hour of 7:00 p.m. We also ask that, wherever possible, parents of the very young insure that they or other responsible adults accompany them, and I further encourage all householders, wherever they are able to do so, to cooperate in making this a happy occasion for all youngsters.

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.

Arlen I. Erdahl

SECRETARY OF STATE

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

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