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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Three Hundred and Fifty-First Anniversary of the Signing of the Mayflower Compact will be observed on November 21, 1971. Our Country finds itself so situated this year, that the inspiration deriving from this anniversary is most timely. It is vital that the young, who are now on the threshold of citizenship, know the origin of our American Way of Life; the story of how the Pilgrim Fathers wrote the formula for Democratic Self-government, and so laid the foundation for our mighty Nation; and

WHEREAS: The Forty-one men of the Pilgrim Company signed this fundamental American document, which gave the first assurance that Virtue and Industry and Freedom were here to find a refuge, by establishing the principle of Constitutional Self-government as the beginning of the political life of America; and

WHEREAS: It is inspiring to present day Americans to make with special ceremonies the Anniversary of the signing of this immortal charter of a government of the people, by the people and for the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby declare Sunday, November 21, 1971, as

"MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY"

requesting appropriate observance of this Anniversary by our schools, churches, civic and patriotic organizations and by the public generally; urging all citizens to become better acquainted with this basic document, which, for over three and a half centuries, has been an inspiration to freedom-loving people throughout the world.

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 tenth day of November 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. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE