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Secretary of State

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is dependent upon a strong transportation system for its prosperity and well-being, and
- WHEREAS: efficient transportation is essential to deliver our products to market and to bring the fruits of industrial America home, and
- WHEREAS: from the days of Red River ox carts to the present network of busy freeways, Minnesota has had a fine transportation system and today is a center for the trucking industry, and
- WHEREAS: the railroads having opened up and settled our state, today Minnesota ranks seventh in the nation in miles of trackage with over 12,000 miles, or more miles than the State trunk highway system, and
- WHEREAS: ever-improving barge navigation on the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers and ocean vessels reaching Minnesota ports via the St. Lawrence Seaway provide our state waterborne access to mid-America's river network and to world markets, and
- WHEREAS: our state enjoys a well-developed airport system and serves as headquarters for two major airlines, and
- WHEREAS: the transportation industry in Minnesota provides employment for more than 60,000 persons and an annual payroll exceeding \$100 million, and
- WHEREAS: to remind us of the importance of transportation the United States Congress in 1962 requested the President to proclaim one week each May as National Transportation Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby designate the week beginning May 14, 1972 as

"NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK"

in Minnesota.

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 fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR

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