PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; three thousand colleges and universities, ten thousand high schools and grade schools, and two thousand communities throughout the nation participated in programs last April which culminated in Earth Day, and

WHEREAS; this nonpartisan, constructive, educational effort involved and demonstrated the shared environmental concerns of a wide spectrum of Americans of all ages, interests, and political persuasions, and

WHEREAS; the activities which culminated in the week-long programs of Earth Day represented and promoted a much greater American awareness and understanding of the serious environmental problems facing the State of Minnesota and the nation, and

WHEREAS; there is a need to encourage a continuing commitment by all interests, including education, agriculture, business, labor, government, civic and private organizations, and individuals, to join together in a cooperative effort to preserve the integrity and livability of our environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 through the 22nd, 1972, as

MINNESOTA EARTH WEEK

and Saturday, April 22, 1972 as

EARTH DAY

and earnestly request that all schools, organizations, youth groups and individual citizens in communities throughout Minnesota review and assess environmental programs and determine what further steps must be taken to continue the nationwide effort of education on environmental problems, and to renew the commitment of each American to restoring and protecting the quality of the environment.

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 twenty-ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and of the State, the one hundred fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Arlen I. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE