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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: mental retardation is a known handicap affecting over 120,000 citizens in the state of Minnesota, and
- WHEREAS: mental retardation is a condition, not a disease, for which there is no cure, and
- WHEREAS: mental retardation affects people regardless of race, color, creed, sex or socio-economic status, and
- WHEREAS: mentally retarded persons have the right to live lives which are as normal as possible, with the same rights and privileges as any citizen, and
- WHEREAS: it is only through public understanding and acceptance that retarded citizens can assume their rightful place in society, and
- WHEREAS: Youth Organized and United to Help the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children (YOUTH MINNARC) is an organization of young people who serve as friends and help retarded persons to learn to live in, work in, and try to better their world, and
- WHEREAS: by and large, the general public lacks a clear understanding of mental retardation and the purposes of YOUTH MINNARC,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 3 - 7, 1972 as

YOUTH MINNARC WEEK

and call the attention of all citizens to members of YOUTH MINNARC who, during this week, will disseminate information concerning their organization in order to increase public awareness and understanding of the mentally retarded individual.

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-third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two and of the State, the one hundred fifteenth.

*Arden J. Ershel*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR