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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: one of the greatest resources possessed by our Nation and State is the talent and wisdom of older Americans, and
- WHEREAS: in Minnesota, more than 10 percent of our total population, or nearly 610,000 persons, are 65 or more, and
- WHEREAS: we are aware that the Minnesota Legislature in 1961 provided much needed property tax relief for elderly persons victimized by inflation, and
- WHEREAS: our moral and practical obligations demand that in 1972 we continue to fulfill our responsibility to Minnesota's older citizens, and
- WHEREAS: since aging is a continuing process, the needs, aspirations and desires of the elderly must be the concern of all, and
- WHEREAS: each individual must have the opportunity to attain his maximum potential in life, with the right to retire to a life of dignity and fulfillment, and
- WHEREAS: older citizens in Minnesota and in the Nation have adopted the slogan, "Action Now," as evidenced by their participation in organizational efforts to make older citizens an effective force in our Community, State and Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May, 1972 as

SENIOR CITIZEN MONTH

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to recognize that the dignity, rights and needs of Seniors today are the responsibility of all. It behooves each of us to embrace the challenge -- "Retire to Life."

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 twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and of the State, the one hundred fiftieth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR

*Arlen J. Erdahl*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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