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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the sacrifices of those who have lost their lives, their health, or their livelihood as a result of their military service are rightly the concern of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: the annual sale of Buddy Poppies offers an opportunity for the people of this state to express their solicitude for those unfortunate persons who have paid more than their share of the cost of freedom; and

WHEREAS: Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living";

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

POPPY MONTH

and urge the citizens of this State to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies which are symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead. I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked or lost their lives in fulfilling their obligations as American citizens.

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 sixth day of May 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

Arden J. Edahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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