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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: striking young and old indiscriminately, arthritis today afflicts more than 13 million Americans. In its most crippling form, rheumatoid arthritis, it affects some 5 million people, 250,000 of whom are children, and
- WHEREAS: arthritic diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, each year cause unemployment equal to full-time illnesses for about a quarter of a million persons. The total cost to individuals and the Nation is estimated at \$4 billion annually, but the sum total of human suffering is beyond calculation, and
- WHEREAS: too few persons realize that arthritis is among America's most crippling diseases, and
- WHEREAS: each year, as medical science advances through private and governmental medical research and education, thousands of people receive improved treatment and live more comfortable, more productive, and more satisfying lives of continuing pain and disability from arthritis,

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

ARTHRITIS MONTH

in Minnesota and urge medical professionals, citizens groups, and the people of Minnesota to unite during the month of May in public affirmation of this Nation's efforts to control arthritic diseases.

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 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. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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