

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: America today is often termed a leisure society, yet many handicapped and blind children and disabled veterans rarely receive opportunities to enjoy nature and participate in outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS: his tireless devotion to these less fortunate and his love of mankind led Ed Wilms to create a project unique to this country: the Islands of Peace; and

WHEREAS: Ed's efforts have moved all levels of government, civic and professional groups, veterans organizations, young and old, to work together to honor our handicapped and disabled citizens by setting aside these islands in the Mississippi River off of Fridley, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center; and

WHEREAS: while we gather here today to dedicate the Islands of Peace to the people of Minnesota, we also honor the man whose dream became a reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 22, 1972 as

"ED WILMS DAY"

and ask all citizens of Minnesota to reflect on the commitment and humility of this great gentleman who has done so much for others in need.

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

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Allen J. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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