

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: in October, 1872, Jerry McAuley in the City of New York opened the Water Street Mission as a haven for alcoholics and transient men, being the first religious institution in North America to open its door every night of the year to the homeless, and the above mission still serves the needy under the name of the Jerry McAuley Water Street Mission, and

WHEREAS: the spirit and work of Jerry McAuley spread the length and breadth of North America, and to many parts of the world with Gospel-Rescue Missions springing up to meet the physical, spiritual, and material needs of thousands of persons in most cities over 50,000 in population, and

WHEREAS: 350 Gospel-Rescue Missions on the North American continent, members of the International Union of Gospel Missions serve millions of meals yearly to the hungry, house over two million, distribute over two and one half million items of clothing, as well as offer a variety of youth services, alcoholic treatment programs, family care, family services, parole placements, child care, adoptions and counselling to the people of America, and

WHEREAS: The International Union of Gospel Missions will be celebrating October, 1972, as the One Hundredth Anniversary of the great Gospel-Rescue Mission movement, and will be holding special programs in the cities with a mission on October 7, 1972, to celebrate 100 years of reaching the least, the last, and the lost.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, recognizing 1972 as the Hundredth Anniversary of the Gospel-Rescue Mission movement, and designating October as

National Gospel-Rescue Mission Month

and calling upon the people of Minnesota to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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-fourth day of August 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
MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Allen J. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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