

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: one of the basic aims of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as set forth in its Congressional Charter is "to foster true patriotism," and
- WHEREAS: the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary, has proved to be an effective instrument for putting these words into action, and
- WHEREAS: the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program, in this its 26th year, provides an opportunity for high school students to think, write and speak up for freedom and democracy, and
- WHEREAS: this year's theme, "My Responsibility to Freedom" focuses the attention of youth on the principle that freedom is a responsibility and not a license, and calls for a personal evaluation of youth's role in preserving the strength, unity and spirit of our great nation, and
- WHEREAS: an active, dedicated and resourceful citizenry is vital to the preservation of freedom in these times when pressures are being exerted from many sides to weaken, divide and demoralize our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 1 - 15, 1972, as

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WEEK

in Minnesota and I do hereby commend the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary for their sponsorship of the 26th annual Voice of Democracy Program and I call upon all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in our schools to address themselves to their Responsibility to Freedom.

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-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two and of the State, the one hundred fifteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
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