

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: *twenty-five years ago Esther S. Manz founded the first of the self-help organizations promoting good health through weight control; and*
- WHEREAS: *that organization, TOPS Club, Inc., popularly known as TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), has now grown by its own good works to more than 330,000 members in more than 12,600 chapters throughout the world; and*
- WHEREAS: *in our state alone there are now more than 11,387 TOPS members in more than 492 TOPS chapters who have registered a documented weight loss in the past year of 96,688.16 pounds to the betterment of their health and appearance;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota extend congratulations to our state TOPS on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of TOPS Club, Inc. and recognize the contribution TOPS has made in this state and internationally to good health through obesity research and weight control.

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 twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

Arden J. Erdahl

SECRETARY OF STATE

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