



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is endowed with a great variety and abundance of natural resources including 15,000 lakes, 25,000 miles of rivers and streams, fertile soils, lush green forests and clean air and water; and

WHEREAS: the key to preserving and protecting our bountiful natural gifts is an informed and educated public, aware of the effects of their adopted lifestyles on these resources; and

WHEREAS: for the past years, Earth Week activities in thousands of colleges and universities, high schools and grade schools and communities throughout Minnesota and the nation have enlightened and involved a wide spectrum of Americans of all ages, interests and political persuasions; and

WHEREAS: these Earth Week activities represent and promote a greater awareness and understanding of the urgent environmental and energy-related problems facing the State of Minnesota and the nation; and

WHEREAS: there is a continuing need for our educational institutions, state and federal agencies, civic and private organizations and dedicated individuals to observe Earth Week in Minnesota with appropriate programs, demonstrations and ceremonies designed to rededicate ourselves to the task of wise use of our energy and natural resources and to perpetuate the search for new approaches and programs to ensure Minnesota's environmental wealth and quality of life for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 through the 27th, 1974 to be

MINNESOTA EARTH WEEK

and Thursday, April 25, 1974 to be

EARTH DAY

and earnestly request that all schools, organizations, youth groups and individual citizens in communities throughout Minnesota review and assess environmental progress and determine what further steps must be taken to continue the nationwide effort of education on environmental problems, and to renew the commitment of each American to restoring and protecting the quality of the environment.

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-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

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