



Proclamation

WHEREAS IT IS FITTING

THAT the people of Minnesota recognize in a special manner that older Americans are a resource of great and abiding value to the State and the Nation;

THAT we acknowledge with gratitude that the good life the State of Minnesota offers in such abundance is a heritage we receive from older Minnesotans who have sustained and strengthened our communities, our institutions of government, learning, religion, health, science, agriculture, and industry;

THAT we remind ourselves that they have by their faith, their devotedness as parents, their dutifulness as citizens and their diligence as working men and women given us examples to follow and values to uphold;

THAT we reassert our concern and responsibility for those who may be dependent and also show our respect for those who maintain their independence and self-reliance, and those who go on working, those who serve others in voluntary activities;

THAT we reaffirm our dedication to programs and reforms that will not only assure that older Minnesotans will have the basic needs of life but that they will have opportunities to participate in the full and satisfying way of life that we seek for all citizens of Minnesota;

THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 1974 to be

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Minnesota and call upon the people of the state to join in the national observance by joining in the programs and activities marking this observance and also by personal gestures of friendship, fellowship, and affection that demonstrate not only our respect for older Minnesotans as our elders but also our acceptance of them as our peers, partners and good neighbors in all facets of our lives.

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

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Arlen J. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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