



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: for centuries Mothers have been honored in Greek mythology, in Biblical history, at Roman festivals, and later in the early Christian era by establishment in England of "Mothering Sunday"; and

WHEREAS: the first organized Mother's Day in America was developed during the Civil War, by Anna Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia, who sought to comfort the boys in Blue and Grey and reduce their hatred as only a Mother's love can do; and

WHEREAS: through the efforts of Mrs. Jarvis' daughter, Anna, the Congress of the United States, on February 4, 1914, provided the second Sunday in May as Mothers Day, a national Flag holiday; and

WHEREAS: the American Mothers Committee was organized in 1933 as a division of the Golden Rule Foundation; its purpose to develop and strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the American home and to give to the observance of Mothers Day a spiritual quality which highlights the standards of ideal Motherhood and recognizes the important role of the mothers in the home, the community, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: the American Mothers Committee has, through the years, honored many remarkable women of all faiths, nationally and in the respective states; and

WHEREAS: it is proper that we renew our tribute to and the respect deserved by all mothers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, extend my official congratulations to Mrs. Dorothy Willette, Winnebago, Minnesota, selected by the American Mothers Committee as the Minnesota Mother of the Year for 1974; and I hereby proclaim May 12, as

## MOTHERS DAY

in Minnesota, and call upon all our citizens to join in saluting and in expressing our grateful appreciation to all Mothers for the priceless gifts they have given to all of us.

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. Edsall*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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