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WHEREAS: today more than ever before there is an important relationship between the economic well-being of the State of Minnesota and that of other nations. The energy shortage has underlined the inter-dependence of all nations and peoples on this earth. The positive development of free world trade can also serve as an effective instrument in the stabilization of world peace, and an economical utilization of world resources; and

the State's efforts in international trade have increased the earnings and benefits of our industries and stature of our labor force. We now can and must proceed toward new economic horizons through innovations from both sectors; and

WHEREAS: exports of our agricultural and industrial products motivate the economic growth of Minnesota. The import of foreign products provides a base for future international investment. We welcome the world-wide interest in Minnesota's growing economy; and

we must continue to advance the competitiveness of our products abroad and seek WHEREAS: reduction of barriers to international trade by supporting new ways to facilitate the exchange of goods between countries, thereby creating new jobs for our State and its people and insuring our international economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 20, 1974 as

WORLD TRADE WEEK

in Minnesota, and urge all business, labor, agricultural, educational, and civic groups to participate in the development and promotion of activities which will further international trade and will focus on its importance to our State's economy.

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

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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