



Proclamation

WHEREAS: deaf people have long sought a means to aid them with their hearing disability; and

WHEREAS: the Minnesota Humane Society, in response to this need, has sponsored meetings to coordinate efforts among animal trainers, other hearing societies, and deaf persons to study the feasibility of starting a Hearing Ear Dog Program; and

WHEREAS: these meetings led to a new concept in aid to the deaf, the training of dogs to help deaf people; and

WHEREAS: two dogs, Happy and Jody, have been successfully trained and field tested under real-life conditions at home and at work by deaf handlers; and

WHEREAS: the Hearing Ear Dog Program of the Minnesota Humane Society is a dramatic new development in human services for deaf people, and a proven concept in deaf care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 10, 1974 as

HEARING EAR DOG DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens with deaf friends, relatives or family members to contact the Minnesota Humane Society.

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 tenth day of September 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

Arden J. Erdahl

SECRETARY OF STATE

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