



Proclamation

WHEREAS: approval of the 1974 State Constitutional Amendments will update and modernize the Constitution of the State of Minnesota:

Amendment No. 1, revise organization and language of constitution, would delete obsolete and redundant provisions; it would simply shorten, clarify and update constitution without changing the intent or legal effect.

Amendment No. 2, Gateway Amendment, would ease the process of amending the Minnesota Constitution so that 55% of those voting on the amendment or a majority of those voting in the election, whichever is most favorable to ratification, would prevail. Presently, a non-vote on amendments is the same as a "no" vote.

Amendment No. 3, allow legislature to determine railroad taxes, would remove from the Constitution a provision which prohibits legislative changes in the gross earning taxes paid by railroads. This would give the legislature the same power to impose taxes on railroads as it has to tax other businesses; and

WHEREAS: Amendments 1, 2 and 3 were recommended to the legislature by the 1971-1973 Constitutional Study Commission, all three received bipartisan approval in both houses during the last legislative session; and

WHEREAS: the people of Minnesota have a first and rare opportunity and serious obligation to become informed on these three amendments and cast their vote at the general election November 5;

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

1974 STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS STUDY WEEK

and urge Minnesotans everywhere to become well informed on State Constitutional Amendments 1, 2 and 3 and help build a better future for our State.

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 seventh day of October 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

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