



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: dependency on alcohol has steadily increased in this nation so that today there are at least nine million problem drinkers in America; and

WHEREAS: five million of these hold full-time jobs and constitute more than four percent of our entire work force; and

WHEREAS: last year alcohol misuse cost the nation nearly \$24 billion a year; and

WHEREAS: nearly half of this loss is found in absenteeism, wasted time on the job, inefficiency, faulty decision making, accidents and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS: alcoholism can strike a board chairman as easily as a blue collar worker, affecting as well home-makers, students, and persons of every age, background and occupation; and

WHEREAS: society has now become enlightened to recognize alcoholism as America's third greatest disease, whose successful treatment requires total family involvement; and

WHEREAS: excellent private and public facilities exist in Minnesota which offer proper treatment, education, care and follow up attention which can effectively restore the alcoholic to a useful, functioning place in society;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 28, 1975 to be

"SOBRIETY SUNDAY"

in Minnesota, and I urge our citizens to help celebrate this day at special festivities at the St. Paul Civic Center to honor a facility which has pioneered in helping individuals to conquer their problems with alcoholism, and which this week is celebrating its silver anniversary; the Hazelden Rehabilitation Center of Center City, Minnesota.

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-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-five and of the State the one hundred seventeenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR STATE OF MINNESOTA

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