Proclamation

WHEREAS: it is fitting and proper that time be set aside in our busy lives as Americans to honor the original human inhabitants of this great land, a period set aside to properly thank the American Indian people for giving us the opportunity to occupy this virgin and resource-rich land of America; and

WHEREAS: it is equally essential that we take time to recognize with humility the harshness of humanity in our treatment of our Indian brethren and to renew our pledge to go forward as brothers of mankind, fully recognizing their values and sharing our virtues for the betterment of future generations; and

WHEREAS: we must note on this occasion the sacrifices that were made by the true American, the Minnesota American Indian, in their contributions to our society and recognize the need for fulfilling the pledge to unite our cultures, thus combining the strength of our mutual and respective virtues as a guiding factor in moving forward together to make America a better place for all to live; and

WHEREAS: we plead for divine guidance and for human understanding and for compassion from the American Indian population of the State of Minnesota in achieving this goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 - 16, 1976 as

AMERICAN INDIAN WEEK

and May 10, 1976 as

AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to appropriately observe this historic and significant period reserved to commemorate the contributions these first citizens have made, are making, and will continue to make for the enrichment of the quality of life for all mankind.

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 nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE