



# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: *Minnesota is a leader in the quality of life it provides its citizens; and*
- WHEREAS: *this ranking demonstrates a concern and effort by the citizens of this state toward improving the total environment, educating and encouraging its youth, and providing for the overall needs of people; and*
- WHEREAS: *cooperative businesses along with corporations, partnerships, and proprietorships strive to do their share in improving the quality of life for people within the framework of the private enterprise system; and*
- WHEREAS: *cooperatives serve farmers and consumers alike, for the processing and marketing of agricultural products and for the purchase of goods and services by consumers; and*
- WHEREAS: *by providing jobs, capital investments, competitive prices, quality control and new products development, and by returning earnings to local owners, these cooperative businesses contribute substantially to our agricultural progress and general economic and social development;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1976 as

CO-OP MONTH

*in Minnesota, and urge all citizens of our state to recognize the economic and democratic value of cooperatives as "people working together" to improve the quality of life for all the people of 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 seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Brown*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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