



State of Minnesota

# Proclamation

HEREAS: in 1876, Centennial Orators were important personages who proclaimed the news of the Centennial and expounded on the lessons of history; and

HEREAS: our system of government and democracy is based upon freedom of speech and the philosophy that the voice of the people is supreme and the final judge; and

HEREAS: July 4, 1976, marks the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of democracy; and

HEREAS: the future of our state lies in the hands of our youth; and

HEREAS: our youth have made valuable and committed contributions to the Bicentennial observance and to their communities and our state and nation; and

HEREAS: youth will serve as the voice of the future;

CU, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 4, 1976, as

## BICENTENNIAL ORATOR DAY

and the period between July 4, 1976, and December 1, 1976, as the

## BICENTENNIAL ORATOR ERA

in Minnesota, and encourage all Bicentennial Communities to appoint a citizen of the future to serve as their community's Bicentennial Orator to further the philosophy of the Bicentennial and democracy, and to use this Bicentennial Orator Era as a time for personal reflection and re-dedication to the principles upon which our great nation and state were founded.

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

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Grove*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*Jean Anderson Grove*  
Secretary of State