



## State of Minnesota

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: over 810 million of the world's peoples are bound by the invisible chains of illiteracy; and

WHEREAS: these chains bind not only people in other lands but also restrict 180,000 citizens of the State of Minnesota in keeping them from full participation in the "good life"; and

WHEREAS: thousands of dedicated Minnesota volunteers are working to relieve this bondage through the Minnesota Literacy Council and the Minnesota Right to Read program, to ensure that each resident of the State acquires a basic education and is assured of the "Right to Learn to Read"; and

WHEREAS: the Minnesota Literacy Council is dedicated to the training of these voluntary tutors to teach adults to read and write using the "Each One Teach One" approach developed by Dr. Frank Laubach; and

WHEREAS: the United Nations has requested that September 8, 1976 be observed everywhere on our planet as "World Literacy Day"; and

WHEREAS: in this, the Bicentennial year of our nation, it is important that we recognize the bonds of trust, understanding, and love that can be generated by helping our neighbors to throw off these chains of illiteracy; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Literacy Council, Inc. has requested that September 8 be proclaimed "World Literacy Day" and that September be known as "World Literacy Month";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 8, 1976 as

"WORLD LITERACY DAY"

and September, 1976 as

"WORLD LITERACY MONTH"

in Minnesota.

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*Joan Anderson Thorne*  
Secretary of 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 thirtieth day of August 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 Thorne*