



Proclamation

WHEREAS: I welcome and encourage programs which serve the less fortunate and I am especially grateful for efforts which originate on a volunteer basis in the private sector; and

WHEREAS: the thousands of Meals-on-Wheels organizations in the United States and Canada, England, Japan, Germany, New Zealand, Australia and many other countries provide hot nourishing meals each day to the hungry, housebound, elderly, handicapped and disabled persons without regard to race, creed, color or financial ability; and

WHEREAS: the vast majority of these Meals-on-Wheels programs are privately organized as activities of local churches, temples or civic groups; and

WHEREAS: such Meals-on-Wheels enable millions of individuals to remain in dignity in their homes and maintain their health; and

WHEREAS: those meals are planned, packaged and delivered by the enterprise, compassion and devotion of thousands of volunteers who are helping to bring a measure of human warmth and love to those they serve; and

WHEREAS: we should not fail in our duty to encourage the continuance of such programs and to draw adequate public attention to such undertakings; and

WHEREAS: Meals-on-Wheels have grown to serve the purposes previously listed since it was first started in England in 1939 and began in the United States in 1954;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20 - 24, 1976 as

MEALS-ON-WHEELS WEEK

in Minnesota, in recognition of the service these units perform and in honor of the third National Conference of Meals-on-Wheels.

FURTHERMORE, I ask that the citizens of Minnesota lend their fullest encouragement and support to the Meals-on-Wheels Program.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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James Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

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