



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: the first organized Mother's Day in America was developed during the Civil War by Anna Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS: the American Mother's Committee was organized in 1933 for the purpose of developing and strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of the American home, to give to the observance of Mother's Day a spiritual quality which highlights the standards of ideal Motherhood, and to recognize the important role of mothers in the home, the community, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS: the American Mother's Committee, through the years, has honored many women of all faiths, nationally and in the respective states; and

WHEREAS: Gloria Johnson, of Hector, has been selected 1977 Mother of the Year by the Minnesota American Mother's Committee; and

WHEREAS: she is the wife of Arthur Johnson, a retired farmer, and they are the parents of nine children; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Johnson is a bloodmobile volunteer, president of the Women's Club of Hector as well as the Seventh District Federation of Women's Clubs; and

WHEREAS: she is also county chairwoman of the Ebenezer Home for the Aged Auxiliary and director of the Renville County chapter of the American Red Cross;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 8, 1977 to be

## MOTHER'S DAY

and at the same time, proclaim this day to be

## GLORIA JOHNSON DAY

in Minnesota, in tribute to this remarkable mother who will represent Minnesota in the National Mother of the Year competition sponsored by the American Mother's Committee;

FURTHERMORE, I call upon all Minnesotans to join me in expressing our grateful appreciation to all mothers for the priceless gifts they have given to all of us.

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 seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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