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A PROCLAMATION FOR "SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH"

WHEREAS, May is traditionally hailed as Senior Citizens Month and, as a time in which to honor our senior citizens for their contribution to the growth and development of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota now has more than ten percent of her total population in this age group and medical science is continuously lengthening our life span; and

WHEREAS, the prosperity and well-being of our state rests upon the full utilization of experience and skills of all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, an immediate need exists for all our citizens to more fully prepare themselves for a meaningful and independent life by planning for the later years; and

WHEREAS, considerable knowledge has resulted from experience and research in the aging process which knowledge our society has not yet absorbed for its ultimate social and economic benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

and I urge that communities, organizations, churches and individuals throughout Minnesota, make a special effort during this month to pay tribute to our elders and to engage in a dynamic educational program to acquaint every citizen with the responsibility each has for community and social planning based upon current scientific knowledge.

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 thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine and of the state the two hundred first.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE