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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the little red poppy which sprang from the soil of our continent after World War I is a symbol to perpetually remind us, and to unfailingly teach coming generations the value of the "right of liberty" and our debt to those who helped to save it for us by paying the supreme sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our belief in the importance of reverence for our war dead, the public is given the opportunity to wear the poppy in memory of citizens who gave their lives in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, the poppies are sold by members of veterans organizations and their affiliates preceding the annual observance of Memorial Day, the proceeds of which sales are used entirely for extra assistance to disabled veterans and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, as

POPPY MONTH

in Minnesota, and I urge that every individual purchase and wear a poppy, particularly on the weekend of Memorial Day, as a tribute to our war dead, and as a symbol of assistance to our war wounded and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal 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 seventy-one, and of the State, the one hundred thirtieth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Arden J. Edsall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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