

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the fourteenth day of April, 1973, is the 252nd Anniversary of the birth of John Hanson, outstanding citizen of the State of Maryland, who ranked foremost among our Nation's colonial patriots and statesmen; and

WHEREAS: John Hanson rendered invaluable service as a civil leader in the hazardous days of the American Revolution and also worked incessantly in formulating the American Union of Sovereign States and in the establishment of American Democracy; and

WHEREAS: under the specific provisions of the Articles of Confederation, John Hanson became the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled, serving a one-year term from November 5, 1781, eight years before George Washington became President under the New Constitution of 1789; and

WHEREAS: when George Washington took command of the Continental Army in 1775, John Hanson organized and equipped two companies in Frederick and dispatched them promptly to General Washington in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: having been elected President shortly after Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown, John Hanson had the honor of receiving General Washington before the Congress assembled in Philadelphia, of extending the gratitude of the Nation for the great soldier's services, and of receiving in return General Washington's thanks and appreciation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 14, 1973, as

JOHN HANSON DAY

In Minnesota.

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 twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and fifteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Arden J. Edvall
SECRETARY OF STATE

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