



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Jerome W. Shanahan Jr. began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman for the Golden Valley Police Department in 1963 and served in that capacity for five years; and

WHEREAS: he joined the Minneapolis Police Department in May, 1968, and in the years since that time, Patrolman Shanahan has received six letters of commendation and an Award of Valor from the Department, a special commendation award from the American Legion and was named Officer of the Month in 1970 by the Minneapolis Jaycees; and

WHEREAS: following Basic Recruit School in 1968, Patrolman Shanahan continued his training at the Minneapolis Police Department Police Academy, New York City Police Department Explosives School, Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal, and Police Instructors School at St. Thomas Academy; and

WHEREAS: on August 1, 1973, Officer Shanahan displayed great courage and the ability to assess a situation quickly and accurately: a deranged father was holding his three-year-old son captive and threatening to kill the child with a knife. After removing his gun belt, Officer Shanahan approached the man, disarmed him, and restrained the man from injuring himself or others; and

WHEREAS: tonight, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association is honoring Patrolman Shanahan by presenting him with the "Police Officer of the Year Award;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 14, 1974 as

PATROLMAN JEROME SHANAHAN JR. 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 thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*Arden J. Erdahl*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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