



Proclamation

HEREAS: under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Deschene, with the help of Mrs. Agnes McGrath, Trainer, and Mr. Richard Lambert, Board Member, the Minnesota Humane Society initiated and developed a successful program that teaches dogs to act as substitute ears for deaf persons; and

HEREAS: the "Hearing Dog Program", established with volunteer help and donated funds, trained six such dogs, four of which came from the Humane Society's animal shelter; and

HEREAS: the Program proved to be a dramatic new concept in human services for the deaf; and

HEREAS: the "Hearing Dog Program" attracted national and international attention in the press; and

HEREAS: the many requests from all over the country for information about the program and appeals for "hearing dogs" were beyond the resources of the Minnesota Humane Society; and

HEREAS: the American Humane Association has agreed to establish and support a training center and to administer the program on a national basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby take great pleasure and pride in presenting to the American Humane Association, the "Hearing Dog Program", initiated and developed by the Minnesota Humane Society, and wish them every success in this endeavor to enrich the lives of all those with hearing disabilities.

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 February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

John Anderson Grove
SECRETARY OF STATE

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